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Haig tells NATO U.S. will negotiate N-arms with Russia

ROME, May 4 (Agencies) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig told NATO allies Monday that the United States intends to start negotiations with the Soviet Union on limiting nuclear missiles in Europe before the end of the year.

Conference sources said Haig told the foreign ministers of the 15-nation North Atlantic Alliance, meeting in a suburban Rome hotel, that the talks would be held in the framework of Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT). The American commitment came as a relief to European members of NATO who plan to install U.S. cruise and Pershing missiles in response to a major Soviet buildup, but who also want to open negotiations for mutual arms reduction.

These countries — West Germany, Britain, Italy, The Netherlands and Belgium — have come under political pressure at home from opponents of the installation of new nuclear weapons.

Haig told the NATO ministers that President Reagan had sent a personal handwritten letter to Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev recently, conference sources said. It dealt with a broad range of issues affecting East-West relations, they said. West German officials said Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, who has taken a leading role in pressing for early U.S.-Soviet talks, welcomed U.S. readiness to open what were described as "formal negotiations."

European diplomats said Haig assured the conference that the talks on limiting medium-range missiles in Europe would be directly linked with the SALT negotiating process started by the U.S. and the Soviet Union in 1970.

U.S. allies in Europe have been anxious to preserve this connection out of concern that otherwise European defense systems could be isolated from the strategic balance between the superpowers.

The Reagan administration has held back from a commitment to open negotiations so far because of concern about possible Soviet intervention in Poland, Haig, a former NATO commander-in-chief attending his first NATO council as secretary of state, told the allies that a Soviet intervention would undermine the basis for effective negotiations, the conference sources said.

He also stressed that this arms control initiative did not mean the U.S. accepted recent Soviet conduct — an allusion to the intervention in Afghanistan — or lessened its

determination to meet the Soviet military challenge, the sources added.

The secretary of state said he would discuss the timing and procedures for the start of negotiations, which would be bilateral, with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko at a meeting in New York in September.

Italy and Belgium opened the meeting with calls for U.S.-Soviet negotiations to reduce nuclear weapons deployment in Europe.

Italian Premier Arnaldo Forlani set the tone for the two-day meeting by urging that the two superpowers move quickly to start arms control negotiations. Forlani noted that preliminary U.S.-Soviet talks were held last fall and said the Italian government "greatly hopes that they can be rapidly taken up again."

The ceremonial opening session also heard Belgian Foreign Minister C.F. Nothomb accuse the Soviet Union of jeopardizing the East-West military balance by pursuing an "unprincipled armament effort" over the past decade.

Nothomb said the 15 NATO countries must keep pace with the Soviets, but at the same time "must also be ready and willing to engage in genuine discussions" with Moscow.

"Our alliance" attitude must be one of firmness and be backed by a military effort, but this in no way means that we should break off the dialogue especially where arms control negotiations are concerned," Nothomb said.

The meeting was held under extraordinarily tight security. Hundreds of black-uniformed military police, some toting machine guns, ringed the newly-built lavender, blue and white conference center located on Rome's outskirts.

In Washington, Reagan's top aide said Sunday that the administration may hold discussions with the Soviet Union "leading to negotiations" to limit strategic arms, but refused to set a target date. Edwin Meese III, counselor to the president, also said Reagan would not feel bound by the Strategic Arms Limitation Agreement negotiated by former President Jimmy Carter. "If there was some situation that required a course of conduct that was not consistent with SALT II,"

He cited the MX missile system as an example, saying the Carter administration was constrained in the development of the system by the terms of SALT II, but the Reagan administration would not be.

Khaddam, Lebanese open talks on peace

BEIRUT, May 4 (Agencies) — Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam opened crucial talks here Monday on measures to achieve a durable peace in Lebanon as Lebanese officials watched anxiously for any new Israeli move in the conflict.

Khaddam was expected to meet the leaders of most Lebanese factions as well as government ministers in an attempt to consolidate the precarious ceasefire which took effect last week. Some 500 persons died in clashes last month between Syrian troops of the Arab Deterrent Force (ADF) in Lebanon and right-wing Phalangist militiamen and in Israeli air strikes on South Lebanon.

On arrival at the presidential palace, Khaddam went straight into talks with Lebanese leaders led by President Elias Sarkis. The two sides are trying to amalgamate working papers on short-term security measures and longer-term steps toward Lebanese national reconciliation, drawn up when Khaddam visited Beirut last week.

Informed sources said the Lebanese proposals included reopening of Beirut International Airport, closed by shelling, and transit routes between the two sectors of Beirut.

Lebanese officials feared Israel might intervene again, either by attacking the missiles, whose presence Israel has said it cannot tolerate, or by renewed air strikes on Palestinian positions in South Lebanon. But officials in Tel Aviv said Israel could be expected to agree to a request from President Reagan to give the United States more time to persuade Syria to remove the missiles.

The Phalangists have not confirmed proclamation of a possible meeting between Khaddam and Beshir Gemayel, head of the rightist militia, although well-placed sources said contacts had been made to try to arrange such a meeting.

Syria had refused to withdraw its newly-installed surface-to-air SAM-6 missiles from Lebanon, demanding instead that Israel be pressured into balancing its involvement in Lebanon altogether, Western diplomatic sources reported Monday.

These sources said U.S. Embassy officials in Damascus have been in daily contact with the Syrian government in an effort to have the missiles removed from eastern Lebanon and dispel the threat of a Syrian-Israeli military showdown. But the Syrians remained adamant, contending that the deployment of the missiles last Tuesday was an act of self-defense following the shooting down of two Syrian helicopter gunships by Israeli warplanes near east Lebanon's embattled city of Zahle, according to the sources.

"Red lines drawn by others will never be allowed to hamper Syria's activity," said a commentary by Syria's state radio. "Syria will do what it has to do and only Syrians and Lebanese, and no one else, can draw red lines in Lebanon."

This was Syria's first public rejection of the red line Israel drew for Syria's military activity in Lebanon five years ago, saying Damascus risked war with the Zionist state if that line was crossed.

Begin said Sunday a U.S. diplomatic campaign has failed to make Syria withdraw the SAM-6s and opposition leader Shimon Peres, after a briefing with Begin, said he did not rule out Israeli military operations to remove the missiles.

The Damascus radio commentary and an attack by Syrian President Hafez Assad on the United States role in the Lebanon crisis were seen by Middle Eastern observers as an indication that Syria does not intend to withdraw the missiles, at least in the near future.

Western diplomatic sources in the Middle East confirmed that Syria has rejected an American request to move the missiles back across the Lebanon-Syria border and some Arab diplomatic sources said the Soviet Union was also opposed to the withdrawal of the SAM-6 battery.



VISIT TO SPAIN: King Khalid will pay an official visit to Spain from June 15-18. The Royal Court said in a statement Sunday night that the visit was at the invitation of Spain's King Juan Carlos.

Iran to hike oil output to 2.5m bpd

TEHRAN, May 4 (R) — Iran aims to boost oil exports to 2.5 million barrels per day (BPD), around double the present level although it is not certain it can achieve this if war persists with Iraq, the Majlis (parliament) speaker said Monday.

The speaker, Hojatoleslam Hashemi Rafsanjani, who is also a leading Islamic clergyman, said a 3.3 trillion rial (\$4 billion) draft budget envisaged oil exports in the year ending in March 1982 at 2.5 million BPD.

"It is not guaranteed with certainty to export such an amount of oil if war continues" he added but current exports were above one million BPD, but gave no precise figure. (Western oil industry sources in London estimate Iranian exports have risen to about 1.3 million BPD after declining to near-zero early during the Gulf war when tankers generally stayed away.)

These sources say a rise in Iranian exports will add to a developing glut on the world market unless others in OPEC — the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries cut output.

But Saudi Arabia, the only exporter with scope to make major output cut and still meet revenue needs, has been saying it will not do so until others fall in with its moderate views on OPEC pricing and cut tariffs, the sources in London noted. Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani said Iran needed to raise oil earnings to balance its budget and boost foreign exchange reserves. Economists estimate these fell to \$4 billion by last March from \$10 billion the year before.

Failure to meet the 2.5 million BPD oil target would affect reserves and cause some projects of national importance to be left unfinished, Rafsanjani said.

Waldheim in Moscow World conference on M.E. planned

By Bob Lebling and Fouzi Asmar
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, May 4 — The Reagan administration has quietly given the green light to United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim to try to organize a broad-based international conference on the Middle East conflict.

The conference would include the U.S., the Soviet Union, the Western European countries, the Arab states, the Palestine Liberation Organization and Israel, American sources said. Waldheim received the American go-ahead in a meeting with President Ronald Reagan last week, after which the secretary general left for Moscow to discuss the proposed conference with Soviet leaders.

Analysts believe the conference would incorporate elements of the European initiative for solving the Palestinian problem, as well as the Soviet Union's own proposal last year for a general conference on the Arab-Israeli dispute. PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat endorsed the Soviet call for a conference at last month's meeting of the Palestine National Council in Damascus. Current efforts call for the conference to be organized under U.N. auspices. This would facilitate PLO participation, since the PLO is an observer at the United Nations.

Secretary of State Alexander Haig found general support for the conference idea during his meetings with Arab leaders on his recent Middle East tour. A senior Egyptian official told *Arab News* that Egypt too welcomes the proposal. A general conference, which would include the Soviets and the Europeans, now "appears inevitable," the official said.

According to U.S. sources, the Reagan administration sees no problem with having the PLO represented at the conference. Reagan advised Waldheim of the administration's support during their recent meeting, and the U.N. secretary general is now shuttling between world capitals in an effort to organize the meeting.

Israel is expected to object strongly to such a conference, but sources say it would be under heavy international pressure to participate. No location for the conference has yet been agreed upon, and the timing is still in the air.

Waldheim, who arrived in Moscow Monday on a four-day visit, is also expected to seek Soviet support for a further term in office and discuss world issues including Afghanistan and conflict in Lebanon. Waldheim, on his first trip to Moscow since May 1979, was greeted at Moscow airport by Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

The U.N. General Assembly has twice called for the withdrawal of "foreign troops"

from Afghanistan and the issue is expected to play a significant part in Waldheim's talks with Soviet officials. The Soviet Union insists on supporting the legitimate government of Afghanistan at its request and will withdraw its troops when "outside interference" in Kabul's affairs has ceased.

It was expected that Soviet officials would also raise President Leonid Brezhnev's proposal for a summit session of the U.N. Security Council and a world conference on disarmament.

Waldheim is now in the last year of his second five-year term of office and U.N. diplomats in New York have suggested that he may use the visit to assess possible Soviet support for an unprecedented third term. Waldheim has given no public indication, however, of whether he will seek a further term.

Brezhnev is also expected to discuss the Middle East. Waldheim, for his part, will probably ask what the Soviet line will be over Lebanon. It is thought he will want to know whether Moscow intends to restrain its main Middle East ally, Syria, and take a more active part in Security Council debates on Lebanon.

Waldheim was warmly praised Monday in the party daily *Pravda*, which bailed his personal role in the fight against apartheid, colonialism, and racism.

SWAPO spurns NATO proposal

LISBON, May 4 (AP) — Independence fighters seeking to oust South Africa from the mineral-rich Southwest African territory have rejected proposals for a discussion of the question by NATO member states, the Portuguese National News Agency Anop reported here Monday.

Quoting a note released by SWAPO, the Southwest African People's Organization, at the Angolan capital of Luanda Sunday, the report stated the group favored continued efforts by the United Nations to bring independence to the area.

SWAPO President Sam Nujoma continued to communicate with a sharp response to the U.N. Security Council's veto last week of proposed sanctions against Pretoria for its continued presence in the territory, also known as Namibia.

The United States, Britain and France, all permanent members of the Security Council and co-sponsors with Canada and West Germany of a plan adopted by the world organization for internationally-observed elections leading to Namibian independence, voted against the sanction motion.

Buckingham furious

Charles' calls to Diana tapped

LONDON, May 4 (AFP) — Prince Charles's personal phone calls from Australia to the queen and his fiancée Lady Diana Spencer were tapped, a British writer claimed Monday. During the telephone conversations, the prince was "less than polite" about Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser and aspects of life in Australia, according to author and journalist Simon Regan.

The royal phone was tapped and five conversations recorded during the prince's just-ended official visit to Australia, claimed Regan, who returned on Friday from a trip to research a book on Australian press tycoon Rupert Murdoch. "The person responsible for the tapping is a Republican and entirely politically motivated," he said. "I have heard four of the five tapes, one of which was a conversation between sovereign and son."

Regan, 38, a former Fleet Street reporter who now lives in Dorset, south England, said that transcripts of the tapes were now up for sale and could be published by a German magazine. In Australia, Communications Minister Ian Sinclair has called for a full report from the nation's telephone authority, and in London, Buckingham Palace expressed serious concern.

A palace spokesman described the tapping, if proved, as "particularly contemptible." While in Australia, Regan was approached by European publishers to write an article on the possibility of Prince Charles becoming Australian governor general. He said Monday that while looking into the story, he met a group of anti-British Republicans.

"The tapes literally fell into my lap," he said, adding that Prince Charles was "extremely upset about his visit to Melbourne University where there was a demonstration. Charles felt the visit had been mishandled." Regan made transcripts and returned the tapes which, he said, were put in a safety deposit box in a Sydney bank.

In Munich, his literary agent Clements von Bizzard said Monday that the weekly woman's magazine *Die Aktuelle* was considering buying the transcripts. Describing Regan as a "serious and reliable journalist," he said he was "100 per cent" sure the transcripts were genuine.

Commenting on the possible sale of transcripts to *Die Aktuelle*, the palace spokesman said that this would be "a bad day for journalism." He added: "I hope the British press has nothing to do with the affair."

Regan told the Press Association News Agency Monday: "I am not exactly Buckingham Palace's favorite person." His book *Charles — The Crown Prince*, containing childhood drawings and letters penned by the prince, caused considerable royal displeasure.

Hijacker detained


BOULOGNE, North France, May 4 (AFP) — Lawrence James Downey, the 50-year-old former Australian boxer who hijacked an Irish plane to the nearby resort of Le Touquet on Saturday, was charged Monday and detained.

Downey, who risks a five to 10-year sentence, was taken to Bethune, some miles inland, as it was felt security would not be sufficient at local jails.

He will undergo psychological tests this week. A brother suggested to the press Sunday that his behavior might be due to battering during his boxing career.

He was born in Perth, Australia, where a wife and five children still live, but had been living in Ireland for some years.

Downey also spent some time as a Trappist monk. In his luggage aboard the Aer Lingus Boeing 737, flying to London from Dublin, police found an assortment of theological works and manuscripts that he had attempted to get published.



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To strengthen relations

Kreisky arrives today

By Farouk Loqman

JEDDAH, May 4 — Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky will discuss a broad range of subjects and strive to strengthen economic relations between the two countries. His visit will be the third one to Saudi Arabia.

Kreisky, who visited the country in 1976 and 1980, will seek to learn first hand the views of the Saudi Arabian government on a number of issues including the Middle East, Afghanistan, Gulf Cooperation Council and the Iraqi-Iranian conflict, according to informed Austrian government sources here.

Speaking to Arab News Monday these sources said that Kreisky will also brief his hosts about Austrian policies on a number of issues including the Middle East and the North-South dialogue.

Apart from that, he will strive to enlarge the areas of economic cooperation by offering greater Austrian involvement in local projects especially since Austria's trade with the Kingdom runs at a deficit of nearly SH4 billion, (SR1-SH4.5) just under SR1 billion a year. Last year Austria exported SH1.2 billion worth of goods, machinery, building materials, paper and allied products, and imported SH5.2 billion of crude oil.

Twenty five Austrian companies handle nearly SR 1 billion worth of contracts either independently or in joint venture with local

companies. Their prize contract is the Jubail steel rolling mills.

After Kreisky's first visit here in 1976, Defense Minister Prince Sultan went to Austria in 1979 and held talks with Austrian leaders. He declared that Austria was eager to bolster its relations with the Arab world "on a sound and constructive basis." Foreign Minister Prince Saud followed a year later and talked with Kreisky about matters of mutual interest as the Austrian Chancellor showed special interest in the Middle East question and greater sympathy with the Palestinians than other European leaders had dared to. He recognized the Palestine Liberation Organization as the representative of the Palestinian people and declared that any talks about the future of the occupied territories must include the people who belonged there and were later ousted by the Israelis. Other Western European states will recognize the PLO sooner or later, he predicted.

In a joint communique with Prince Fahd here last year Kreisky agreed that "a just solution of the Palestinian issue is instrumental to an overall settlement of the Middle East problem."

The two sides agreed that a just settlement of the Palestinian problem must rest on recognition of the legitimate rights of the people, including their right to self-determination



Bruno Kreisky

and to set up their own national homeland and on their proper soil.

Four years ago Saudi Arabia and Austria formed a joint cultural, scientific and educational commission to promote mutual relations for a period of five years renewable automatically and meeting at least once a year in either capital.

FROM THE GULF

DOHA, May 4 (SPA) — Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad Al-Thani, ruler of Qatar, received the Somali Defense Minister Omar Al-Hajj Mubammad Monday. They reviewed bilateral relations and discussed means and ways of promoting them. The Somali minister and his accompanying delegation arrived here Saturday on a few days' visit.

ABU DHABI, May 4 (WAM) — Cypriot Foreign Minister Nicos Rolandis left here Monday for home, wrapping up an official visit of three-day during which held talks with UAE officials on the situation in Cyprus, Middle East and issues of mutual interest.

Earlier, Monday Rolandis delivered a message to President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al-Nahyan from Cypriot President Spyros Kyprianou dealing with promoting bilateral co-operation and issues of mutual interest.

The message also contained Cyprus's thanks and appreciation over the UAE's moderate policy and its lineup with right and justice in international gatherings.

He was seen off at the Abo Dhabbi international airport by Rashid Abdalla, the minister of state for foreign affairs.

ABU DHABI, May 4 (WAM) — The UAE federal cabinet at its weekly session Monday chaired by vice president and Prime Minister Sheikh Rashid Bin Saeed Al-Maktoum reviewed a report prepared by Rashid Abdalla, the minister of state for foreign affairs, dealing with the outcome of the visit of the Kuwaiti Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah to the Soviet Union recently.

The report also covered the situation in Lebanon and Gulf region in the light of the continuation of the Iraq-Iran war.

The council also examined a report on the 1981 federal budget which reached dh. 26

Algoasibi lauds allocations Budget shows state's concern

RIYADH, May 4 (SPA) — The new budget reflects the government's concern and interest in providing funds for electricity and industry because of the importance it attaches to these two sectors, according to Ghazi Algoasibi, minister of industry and electricity.

Dr. Algoasibi said the budget provides SR4 billion for the ministry and SR3 billion for the General Electricity Corporation in addition to SR500 million for industrial loans and SR5,900 million for electricity development projects throughout the country. These amounts come on top of the funds allocated for the basic industries in the general investment fund.

Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al Sheikh said the budget took into consideration the development of water and agricultural resources, greater food production and better irrigation works. Substantial

amounts have been earmarked for the increase of desalinated water along the Gulf and Red Sea coasts, he said. This will relieve the pressure on subterranean water which might be more usefully used for agriculture.

Qasim Governor Prince Abdul Illah said the budget aims at diversifying the economic base and gives priority to the productive sector. It also carried a number of projects for the Qasim region which will bring prosperity to it.

Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer said the budget concentrates on roads, desalination plants and medical services which were found to be in need of greater attention. Industrial and agricultural projects were given priority as SR10 billion was allocated for the basic industries which include the country's ambitious petrochemical industries in Jubail and Yanbu.

Malaysia to receive first Islamic bank

By Edward Thangarajah Arab News Correspondent

BANGKOK, May 4 — Saudi Arabia has agreed to help Malaysia establish its first Islamic Bank to help improve the economic standing of Malaysian Muslims.

This was announced by the first prime minister of Malaysia, Tunku Abdul Rahman.

Tunku said the bank would be set up as soon as the Malaysian government gave its greenlight for the project and hinted it could be during the next three months.

He said that Prince Muhammad Al-Faisal of Saudi Arabia had assured him of all assistance needed to establish the bank and believed that this could be the beginning of more Islamic banks being set up in the Asia-Pacific region.



Hussain Mansouri

Mansouri, Kim discuss role of cooperation

RIYADH, May 4 (SPA) — Communications Minister Hussain Mansouri met Joo-Nam Kim, South Korean minister of construction, Monday. Discussions centered on promoting cooperation between the two countries in communications, transportation, roads and rail road.

Mansouri said after the meeting, which was attended by deputy minister Dr. Nasser Al-Saloum, that the discussions covered technical issues related to the cooperation. These issues were submitted to technicians from both sides to be studied in detail.

Mansouri added that he will resume talks with his Korean counterpart to complete discussions of agreements which will be mutually approved.

COMMENT

By Abu Sultan Okaz

With the advance in science and modern technological methods, it is observed that there are still two departments which have not greatly benefited from technological advancements. The radio and television facilities, I think, have not absorbed all modern techniques in their field.

It is common knowledge that most radio and TV stations in Europe and America maintain an information bank which is considered the backbone of their work. Reports have confirmed that this bank has proved exceedingly useful for their media activity.

As we understand, the Ministry of Information will move to its new offices in a few months from now. No doubt, it will be equipped with modern studios for both

radio and television programs. Amidst this great development and progress in the audio-visual means, there seems a pressing need for an information bank which would help in further improving the efficiency and output of these departments. This bank helps in providing detailed and accurate information for radio and television programs.

The need for such a bank should not be considered as something imaginary, for we have all necessary potentialities available for the establishment of an information bank. What we only need is a minute study of the project and a firm resolve based on belief in the importance and utility of this bank.

It would seem senseless that, after so many years of service, the radio and television department should still rely on archives and memories. It is time to establish this bank for the larger benefit of the media services.

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Maghreb (Sunset)	6.49	6.54	6.25	6.15	6.39	7.12
Isha (Night)	8.19	8.24	7.55	7.45	8.09	8.42

billion (about \$7.12 billion). The report was presented by Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid, minister of finance and industry.

DOHA, May 4 (SPA) — Six Yugoslav, West German, Panamanian and Cypriot vessels were added to Qatar's black list Saturday for dealing with Israel.

The decision issued by the Ministry of Economy and Commerce also blacklisted four Greek, Panamanian and Liberian oil tankers for the same reason. But the decree removed an oil tanker, Greek and Filipino vessels from the black list for having taken the commitment to abide by the principles of the Arab Boycott of Israel.

ABU DHABI, May 4 (WAM) — United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al-Nahyan Monday received a written message from Pakistani President Zia ul-Haq, dealing with bilateral relations and means of enhancing them as well as issues of mutual interest.

The message was delivered by Rifat Pasha Sheikh, Pakistani ambassador to the UAE at a meeting with President Sheikh Zayed this morning.

ABU DHABI, May 4 (WAM) — Somalia called upon all friendly states and international organizations and associations to provide immediate relief aid to the thousands of homeless Somalis who are suffering from starvation in the southern part of that country following the heavy rains and floods which hit the area recently.

In a communique circulated Monday by its embassy in Abu Dhabi, Somalia asked all Arab, Muslim and friendly states to provide helicopters and medium-size planes to transport supplies including blankets, drugs and food to those isolated because of the floods.

The embassy pointed out in its statement that bridges and highways were completely destroyed making it impossible for the people there to receive help.

According to the statement, a number of economic establishments were also destroyed and malaria and various epidemic diseases have already spread out in the area.

ABU DHABI, May 4 (WAM) — United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al-Nahyan Sunday paid a three-hour visit to the first and largest ever international Islamic book exhibition being held as a part of the celebration marking the beginning of the 15th Hijra century.

The exhibition is being held in the national library at the cultural complex in Abu Dhabi. Sheikh Zayed was received by Ahmed Khalifa Al-Suwaidi, the president's representative; Muhammad Abdul Rahman Al-Bakr, minister of justice Islamic affairs and Awwaf; Abdul Rahman Al-Jarwan under-secretary of the ministry of foreign affairs and Dr. Izzat Bin Ibrahim, the president's advisor for cultural affairs.

During the three-hour visit, President Sheikh Zayed paid a tour to the various pavilions of the exhibition and examined the printed material on display.

The president paid special interest in the children's section that included educational and religious books which would be benefited by the children to help promote their educational religious and cultural levels.

The minister of justice briefed Sheikh Zayed on the contents of the Islamic exhibition including over 500,000 religious, scientific, historical, political, economic and cultural books.

ABU DHABI, May 4 (WAM) — Seventy-two African and non-African states, members of the Arab fund for African Development, will meet in Lome, Togo, next week to discuss the possibility of raising the fund's resources and reviewing its periodic work program.

Muhammad Khalifa Al-Yousuf, director of the economic department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs left here Sunday for Lome at the head of the UAE delegation to the meeting.

In a statement before his departure, Khalifa said that the conference will also exchange views on the fund's technical assistance, its legal status and the possibility of increasing assistance to the African states to help develop their agricultural resources.

Fifty states out of the 72 attending the meetings are members of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) while the remaining 22 states that include United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, United States, Canada, France, Britain, West Germany and the Scandinavian states are the fund's lenders.

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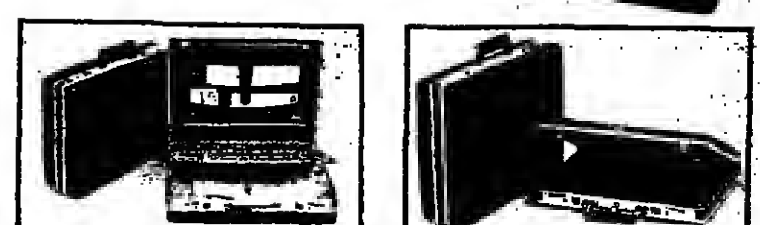


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100 citizens take course on computers

By a Staff Writer
RIYADH, May 4 — Saudi Telephone's data center is providing training on sophisticated computers for young Saudi Arabian managers. The company anticipates that by 1403 (1983), 100 fully-trained Saudis will have a complete understanding of the equipment and processes employed in the computer.

According to a Saudi Telephone press report Monday, 51 Saudis already have passed entrance requirements for computer training. For eight months, the trainees must take a pre-requisite course in which they learn the fundamentals of computer programming and system theory. During this time, each trainee is given an individual career plan, that provides a path to progress for the employee according to the report.

Selected students, after passing through the pre-requisite and advanced training, move up to the specialized training courses. These courses involve "software" training, which teaches the students how to be a teacher — to instruct the computer to perform various tasks with the computer. The specialized training also involves study in Canada.

Student training is a three-year process undertaken in small groups so that individual attention to students can be maximized, the report said. According to the company, the need for off-shore training will diminish, and more students will be taught in Saudi Telephone's data center. The students' progress is evolving in such a manner that by the end of 1982, Saudi Arabians also will be able to teach the computer course, the report added.

Saudi Telephone completed the data center two years ago, yet it already has provided its value both to the citizens who benefit from fast computer service, and the young Saudi Arabian students who are learning to use the computer, a company statement said.



TALKS: Public Security Director Gen. Abdullah Al-Sheikh held talks with the visiting Jordanian Public Security Director Mamon Khalil Monday in Riyadh. The meeting discussed security cooperation between the two countries and means of promoting them. Photo shows the Jordanian official inspecting public security laboratories Sunday.

BRIEFS

SAMA extends exchange period
RIYADH, May 4 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency announced Monday it will continue to exchange the second edition bank notes for two more years through its branches only. SAMA announced the withdrawal of the second edition notes last year and gave a period of nine months to exchange them through its branches and commercial banks. The nine-month period ended Monday.

Fire protection show set
RIYADH, May 4 (SPA) — Deputy Riyadh Governor Prince Sattam will open Wednesday the second exhibition to be organized by the Arab Security Studies and Training Center. The show, to be held at the Intercontinental Hotel, will display fire protection, extinguishing and rescue equipment and system. Latest technological fire-control devices will be shown by international companies during the three-day exhibition.

Former U.S. envoy to visit
DHAHRAN, May 4 (SPA) — James Akins, former U.S. ambassador to the Kingdom, will deliver a lecture Saturday on "U.S. policy in the Middle East." The lecture will be given at the main auditorium of the University of Petroleum and Minerals of Dhahran.

KAU graduation ceremony
JEDDAH, May 4 (SPA) — The Economy and Administration Faculty of King Abdul Aziz University here will mark graduation day on May 19, officials reported Monday. The university called on all its graduates to participate in the function that will be held under KAU Rector Dr. Abdullah Omar Nasif.

Bahrain to hold marine exhibit
JEDDAH, May 4 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia will take part in the Marine International Exhibition to be held in Bahrain in February, 1982. The Saudi Ports Authority has reserved a large wing in which models, statistics and information about the Kingdom's ports will be displayed. Ports Authority President Dr. Fayed Badr will manage a scientific seminar. The seminar will be held during the exhibition. Thirty countries including Tunisia, the UAE and Jordan, will participate in the show.

Standards' role stressed
RIYADH, May 4 (SPA) — Standard specifications could play an important role in stipulating development foundations and support economic integration between Arab countries, according to Dr. Khalid Yusuf Al-Khalaf, chairman of the Saudi Arabian Standards Organization. Dr. Khalaf said Monday that unified standards will eliminate differences in specifications which are obstacles to trade exchange and economic cooperation among Arab states.

Communications minister at KFU
DAMMAM, May 4 (SPA) — King Faisal University of Dammam will hold an open dialogue with Communications Minister Hussain Mansouri Wednesday. The dialogue will center on roads, rail road, public transportation and the ministry's future programs. The event is part of the university's cultural season.

Princess gives Masters thesis on king's talks

By a Staff Writer
MAKKAH, May 4 — Princess Modi bint Mansour ibn Abdul Aziz Monday afternoon was due to submit her masters degree thesis at King Abdul Aziz University here.

The thesis is on "King Abdul Aziz and the 1923/24 Kuwait Conference." The thesis will be discussed with a board of university professors through a closed television circuit.

Meanwhile, Al-Qassim Governor Prince Abdul Ilah ibn Abdul Aziz Sunday inspected the Girls Education Directorate where he was met by director Abdullah Al-Muhaymad, who briefed him in detail on the department's educational activities. Prince Abdul Ilah said that King Khalid, Crown Prince Fahd and girls education officials were doubling their efforts to raise the educational standard of Saudi Arabian girls at all levels of education as ordained by the Holy Koran and in the teachings of the Holy Prophet.

Muhaymad said that girls schools in the area include six kindergartens, 130 primary schools accommodating 18,974 pupils, 27 intermediate schools with 5,424 students, and seven secondary schools for 2,015 students. In addition, there are eight teachers' colleges, and one intermediate college for girls with six sections, as well as a dress-making and sewing center and 86 adult education schools for the eradication of illiteracy.

There are also eight branch colleges for girls education distributed throughout the area's cities, while three other deputations are being set up. There are also four offices for education guidance and four health units attached to the area's Girls Education Directorate.



AID: A handicapped student being trained at one of the institutes of the Jairos Jiri Association in Zimbabwe.

Deaf training center hailed

By Habib Rahman
JEDDAH, May 4 — Jairos Jiri of Zimbabwe, founder of 15 centers for the handicapped in that African country, paid a visit to the center of the deaf here and described it as "the best he has ever seen."

Jiri is visiting the Kingdom to collect aid for his centers. He said he was "impressed by the center's high standard and facilities" provided to the deaf children in Saudi Arabia.

The founder-president of the Jairos Jiri Association told Arab News Monday that his organization has been serving the handicapped for the last 30 years. He claimed his organization is the largest aid center in Africa. This year has a special significance for those like Jiri who have been motivated by the International Year of the Disabled.

The association was launched by him in 1949 and now runs 15 centers. He said that because of war in his country, the number of handicapped people has increased. "At present 1,250 people are being looked after and 3,000 more are on the waiting list. Many others need special attention," he said.

His organization has drawn up a five-year plan to augment its activities, so that more disabled persons could be looked after. The plan includes setting up of commercial training centers, orthopaedic workshops, cooperative schemes to sell farm produce and shop-keeping. The plan also includes handicraft projects, he said.

He added that his association runs centers for training the blind, the deaf and physically disabled persons and old people. There are centers for cerebral palsied children, agriculture, craft shop, schools and technical institutes.

East Province allocates SR527m Sewage facility program planned

DAMMAM, May 4 (SPA) — The Eastern Province Water and Sewage Department is planning a SR 527 million program to improve sewage facilities in the region, according to officials Monday.

The department is studying an SR 499.8 million project for expanding sewage outflows for Dammam and Al-Khobar. Abdul-Jah Babbain the department's director general said. It also is considering a comprehensive program for replacing the present sewage pipeline network in the two cities. New fiber-asphalt pipes that resist corrosion will be introduced. The program will cost SR 227.7 million.

The department also is considering building 10 water tanks each in Dammam and Al-Khobar. The tanks will have a capacity of 300 cubic meters. Other projects include digging 12 artesian wells and constructing branch offices for the department in Alkhubar, Abqaiq, Qatif and Khafji.

Babbain said that SR 10.37 million in construction projects were awarded recently by the department. The projects included building of the department's administrative building in Dammam, a branch office in Ruhaimah,

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Labor disputes considered
RIYADH, May 4 (SPA) — Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ibrahim Al-Anqari met with the Labor dispute Committees of the Kingdom's labor offices Monday. The committees are currently meeting in Riyadh under Ahmad Yahya, assistant labor minister, to discuss the nature of disputes and the best means for resolving them. Anqari urged the committees to consider the cases forwarded to them quickly and work to maintain the rights of workers and employers.

Algosabi to open conference
JEDDAH, May 4 — Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algosabi will open a major conference on "The Role of International Companies in Saudi Arabia's Development Plans." The conference is sponsored by Saudi Gazette newspaper and Avicenna Foundation, with support from Saudia, the national air lines. Organizational adviser is the Financial Times conference department. The conference is to be held June 1 and 2 in London.

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Assad vows to foil Zionist plans

DAMASCUS, May 4 (Agencies) — President Hafez Assad of Syria has denounced what he called Israeli intervention in Lebanese internal affairs and stressed his determination to "confront imperialist-Zionist designs."

The Syrian leader, speaking at a banquet here in honor of visiting Bangladesh President Ziaur Rahman, said Sunday Israel's repeated attacks on Lebanon were meant to "impose its domination" on it and partition it, "but our people are determined to foil this conspiracy." He added that in its attempts to put an end to Israeli occupation of Arab land, Syria enjoyed the support of Islamic states, the nonaligned movement, the Socialist community and "all lovers of peace and justice in the world."

President Assad went on to say that together with other Arab states, Syria was "confronting the imperialist-Zionist aggression" aimed at "liquidating the Palestine cause, annihilating the Palestine people and introducing significant changes in the region." He called for resistance to attempts to establish what he termed foreign military bases "aimed at placing the region under the domination of imperialism and Zionism."

President Zia said Islamic countries were worried about "the aggravating crisis in the Middle East," and said the Palestinians were "victims of Zionist atrocities." He stressed there could be no permanent peace in the Middle East unless Israel withdrew "completely and unconditionally from all occupied Arab territories, including Jerusalem, and the Palestinian people recover their rights, including the establishment of an independent state on their soil."

With or without Soviet help

Libya to fight Israeli aggression

BEIRUT, May 4 (Agencies) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi had told Soviet leaders that his country would fight Israel with or without the Soviet Union on its side, the pro-Libyan newspaper *Al-Safir* said Monday.

In an account of Qaddafi's visit to Moscow last week, the Beirut paper said that the Libyan leader had told the Soviet officials his country would confront "the American-Israeli war in defense of our nation and its legitimate aspirations, freedom and progress."

He added, "It is our decision. We shall fight whether you are with us or not. But we know that this war concerns you because it is aimed at you as much as it is aimed at us."

The paper quoted Qaddafi as saying:

2 hurt in Kabul University bomb blast

ISLAMABAD, May 4 (AFP) — Two persons were injured, one seriously, and the engineering faculty building was "badly damaged" in a bomb blast at Kabul University Saturday, the state-run Radio Kabul monitored here reported Sunday.

The building had in the past been a center of student activities against the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan, the radio said. Radio Kabul quoted a student communiqué condemning the explosion, which it said injured a professor and a student.

(Earlier, the Soviet News Agency Tass charged that the blast was the work of counter-revolutionary "agents paid by Washington and Peking.")

(Tass said a meeting at the university Sunday expressed support for the Kabul regime while "condemning the terror of imperialist mercenaries.")

Meanwhile, a Peshawar-based Afghan fighter organization, disowning responsibility



Hafez Assad



Ziaur Rahman

President Zia said Bangladesh was very concerned over the Lebanese crisis, adding that Israel's "involvement in it constitutes an intervention in Lebanon's internal affairs and an aggression on its sovereignty and territorial integrity." He also said Bangladesh would continue its efforts to help put an end to the Iraq-Iran war through a "just and honorable settlement."

President Zia also said he was concerned about the situation in Afghanistan and urged an immediate solution through the withdrawal of all foreign forces from the country and enabling its people to "determine their future without any intervention."

The two leaders held talks here Sunday on strengthening bilateral relations and cooperation between their countries, well informed sources said.

"What we want to know exactly is to what extent we can depend on your support for us as we wage this battle against the single enemy."

Meanwhile, in Kuwait, Libyan Foreign Minister Abdul Salam Tritel, met Monday with the ruler of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah to discuss the situation in Lebanon and "Israeli threats" to Syria.

Tritel also called on Crown Prince Sheikh Saad Abdullah and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad to discuss the same topics. Officials said the Libyan envoy briefed the ruler and other officials on Qaddafi's recent trip to Moscow and his talks with Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev.

Tritel delivered a message to Sheikh Jaber from Qaddafi.

for the bomb blast, saw the "Soviet hand in the incident."

The Jamiat-I-Islami Afghanistan group, whose resistors are fighting in Afghanistan, alleged "it was a Russian bomb." The Soviets, it said, had failed to win over the student community at the university who had chosen the engineering faculty as a center for their agitation.

The group said there were reports from Kabul that Soviet troops wanted to close down the engineering faculty and replace it with facilities at Kabul Polytechnic in a bid to divide the students.

In another report, Radio Kabul said that two Afghan fighters were executed in Kabul Sunday on charges of "sabotage." Sources said that the Soviet troops had "intensified their atrocities" in Afghanistan and recently stepped up "heavy bombardment" in several areas.

The Bangladesh president left here Monday for Bonn, the Syrian News Agency Sana reported.

Ziaur Rahman will visit Baghdad and Tehran May 12 to examine with their respective leaders the efforts already made to end the Gulf war, the daily *Al-Anbaa* reported in Kuwait Monday. The president is a member of the Organization of Islamic Conference good offices mission attempting to mediate between Iraq and Iran.

Strikes hit Israel

TEL AVIV, May 4 (AFP) — A further plague of strikes, mostly about pay, afflicted Israel Monday. Some 400 power station supervisors have been sit-ins at their plants. An electricity authority spokesman said this "could prove disastrous" if it went on for any length of time. Workers are imposing "sanctions" and most of the nation's firefighters were on strike.

Lifesavers in the beaches have stopped work in a bid for more pay, as they usually do at the start of the season. Owing to swift currents, this means in practice that bathing is prohibited on Israel's sandy shores.

Somali minister visits Qatar

DOHA, May 4 (AFP) — Defense ministers of Qatar and Somalia held talks here Sunday on reinforcing bilateral military relations, officials said. The discussions were between Qatar's Defense Minister and Crown Prince Sheikh Hamad Ben Khalifa Al Thani, and Somalia's new defense minister, Gen. Omar Haj Muhammad.

Somalia is a member of the Arab League, and the regime of President Muhammad Said Barre gets significant support from Arab states.

VIENNA, (AP) — A group of 24 Iranian students started a sit-strike in the Iranian Embassy here Monday to protest a Tehran government decision barring foreign exchange transfers from Iran. Embassy sources said the students gained admission when the embassy opened its doors in the morning and started their protest once inside the building.

RAWALPINDI, (AP) — Tributes were paid in Pakistan Sunday to Indian film actress Nargis Dutt, who died in Bombay earlier in the day.

CAIRO, (AP) — Investigations are underway with 11 persons, including a member of parliament, charged with involvement in smuggling hashish worth \$11.7 million, the mass-circulation *Al-Akhar* reported Monday.

Iran wants apology from Kuwait to free ship

TEHRAN, May 4 (Agencies) — The research ship *Western Sea*, seized Sunday by Iran, will not be returned without an apology from Kuwait, which had chartered the vessel, as it had violated Iranian territorial waters, Prime Ministerial adviser Muhammad Hashemi Rafsanjani said Monday.

In a statement published in the newspaper *Kayhan*, Rafsanjani said that the ship, which is owned by the Western Geophysical Company, Houston, but flies the Panamanian flag and has a mainly British crew, had been boarded by men from an Iranian warship after twice refusing to leave Iranian waters. The statement added that the crew of 18 was being held in the port of Bushire, where the ship had been taken, and the Kuwaiti ambassador in Tehran had been summoned by the Iranian government.

In Kuwait, Iran's ambassador said Monday Iranian naval units are holding the ship as it was working in the Iraq-Iran war zone and ignored Iranian warnings to leave the area.

All Shams Ardakani said "the Iranian Navy warned the ship several times to quit the area, but it ignored the warning." He said the fact that the ship was American raised the possibility that its equipment could be used for purposes other than exploration.

3 ex-magistrates face trial in Iran

TEHRAN, May 4 (AFP) — Tehran's Revolutionary Islamic Tribunal has decided to try three ex-military magistrates for ordering deaths of opponents of the Shah's regime, the newspaper *Ettelaat* said Sunday.

Arrested last June, the main figure, Col. Jahangir had asked for death sentences for 11 Iranians when he was a prosecutor for the military court, the paper said.

He also personally commanded the firing squads that killed 23 other opponents, it said. Two other colonels, Arfa Edi Moshrefi and Abolghasem Zinati, are accused of sentencing a total of 48 persons to death.

Meanwhile, nine persons were executed in various parts of Iran Saturday after being found guilty of drug-trafficking, robbery and sodomy, state radio said. They all had previous convictions and were sentenced after trial by Islamic Revolutionary Tribunal, the radio said. Five were executed by firing squads in the eastern city of Kerman, three in the western city of Kermanshah and one, a woman, in the north-western city of Khoys, the radio said.

BRIEFS

NAIROBI, (AFP) — Prince Talal of Saudi Arabia, a special envoy of the United Nations Children's Fund, arrived here Sunday on a three-day visit to Kenya.

ANAKARA, (AFP) — Police Sunday arrested 168 persons identified as extremist members of the Marxist-Leninist Dev-Sol movement at Istanbul, the state-of-siege command announced. The command said that the 168 were accused of having assassinated 31 persons including eight policemen, in the period before Sept. 12.

MOSCOW, (AFP) — The Soviet Communist Party newspaper *Pravda* bitterly attacked Egypt Sunday for an alleged "new wave of anti-Communism" there. Persecution and repression of suspected Communists was hitting at trade unionists, lawyers, writers and journalists, *Pravda* said.

Three-party talks begin in U.S. on Sinai force

WASHINGTON, May 4 (Agencies) — U.S., Egyptian and Israeli military experts began talks in Washington Monday through Wednesday on formation of a multinational force to "keep peace in the Sinai peninsula, the State Department said.

The force is to be deployed next year following the scheduled pullout of Israeli troops. The United States is expected to participate in the force. It will be the first time that U.S. troops have been stationed permanently in the Middle East.

The State Department said Sunday that, following this week's talks in Washington, at least one further session would be held at Gizeh, near Cairo, the department also said that a final accord would be signed before the Israeli elections June 30.

Informed sources said that the United States would propose that the force should consist of between 2,000 and 2,500 men, divided into three battalions. One of the Battalions would consist of lightly armed but

highly mobile U.S. infantrymen, the sources said. The two other battalions will consist of Canadian, Australian and New Zealand troops or those of any other country acceptable to Israel and Egypt.

Meanwhile, Egypt has officially asked the United Nations Security Council to admit, in an official document, its inability to take a decision on formation of a Sinai peacekeeping force because of Soviet opposition, a weekly newspaper has reported.

Mayo, organ of President Anwar Sadat's ruling National Democratic Party, said Sunday Egypt has requested the council to specify that its inability is due to Moscow's threat to use its veto powers if a proposal calling for establishing such a force was put for discussion. The United States has pledged to form a multinational force if the Soviet Union insisted on its opposition to the Camp David accords which produced the Egyptian-Israeli treaty.

Over Aegean

Turkey, Greece to continue talks

ROME, May 4 (R) — The foreign ministers of Greece and Turkey, NATO countries with rival claims in the Aegean Sea, have agreed to continue talks on their disputes.

Relations had improved last year, allowing Greece to turn to the NATO's integrated military structure. Several incidents have again strained their ties. Foreign ministers Ekmen Turkmen of Turkey and Constantine Mitsotakis of Greece reiterated in a joint communique the importance their governments attach to the continuation of a dialogue. The communique was issued after a meeting on the eve of the Atlantic Council session.

It said the secretaries general of the two foreign ministries would meet before the ministers meet again during the forthcoming session of the U.N. General Assembly. Tur-

key canceled a meeting of the secretaries general scheduled in Rome last week. Diplomats said Ankara wanted to show its displeasure over a demonstration by Armenians in front of the Turkish embassy in Athens last month.

In a separate development, U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig Sunday met Mitsotakis. Negotiations between Washington and Athens on U.S. military bases, have reached a stalemate because the Americans would not commit themselves to maintain a ratio of seven to 10 in military aid to Greece and Turkey.

The two ministers agreed Sunday to try to reach an agreement by the end of this month, diplomats said. Mitsotakis told Haig the end of the month was the latest a new accord could be ratified by the present parliament.

In Gulf

Indira talks to cover Indian Ocean

NEW DELHI, May 4 (R) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi makes an official visit to the Gulf this week to underline the importance India attaches to its relations with states in the area.

Mrs. Indira Gandhi leaves Tuesday for Geneva where she will address the World Health Organization (WHO) assembly Wednesday during an unofficial visit to Switzerland. She then pays official visits to Kuwait from May 9 to 11 and to the United Arab Emirates; Abu Dhabi and Dubai from May 11 to 13.

Mrs. Gandhi's choice of the Gulf for one of her first official overseas visits since returning to power in January last year is in line with India's pro-Arab stand and its eagerness to secure oil and attract petrodollars, informed sources said. She is expected to discuss Gulf security and the militarization of the Indian Ocean with her hosts, the sources said.

Mrs. Gandhi told *The Kuwait Times* in an interview published at the weekend that the security of the Gulf was important to the whole world. She said that the area's importance meant her talks in the Gulf would go beyond bilateral relations to how the situation in the region affected the rest of the world.

The prime minister said invitations to oil states to invest in India had produced encouraging results, but oil exporters could still do more to help developing countries.

In a separate interview with *The Kuwait Times* of Dubai, she said that the doctrine of "peace and security" for the Gulf proposed by Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev during his visit to India in December should be considered. Brezhnev's doctrine opposed the setting up of foreign military bases and deployment of nuclear or any other weapons of mass destruction in the Gulf region.

Shahi allays Indian misgivings

NEW YORK, May 4 (R) — Pakistani Foreign Minister Agha Shahi said a proposed \$500 million arms agreement with the United States would not affect Pakistan's nonaligned position or its relationship with India.

"No change in our position of nonalignment is contemplated because of any new relationship with the United States, Shahi

said in an interview with the magazine *Newsweek* published here Sunday.

Shahi denied the proposed U.S. pact would have an adverse impact on Pakistan's relations with India. "We are not entering into an arms race with India. We are all in favor of limitations of arms, but every country feels the need to replace obsolete equipment and to provide for some defense capability," he said.

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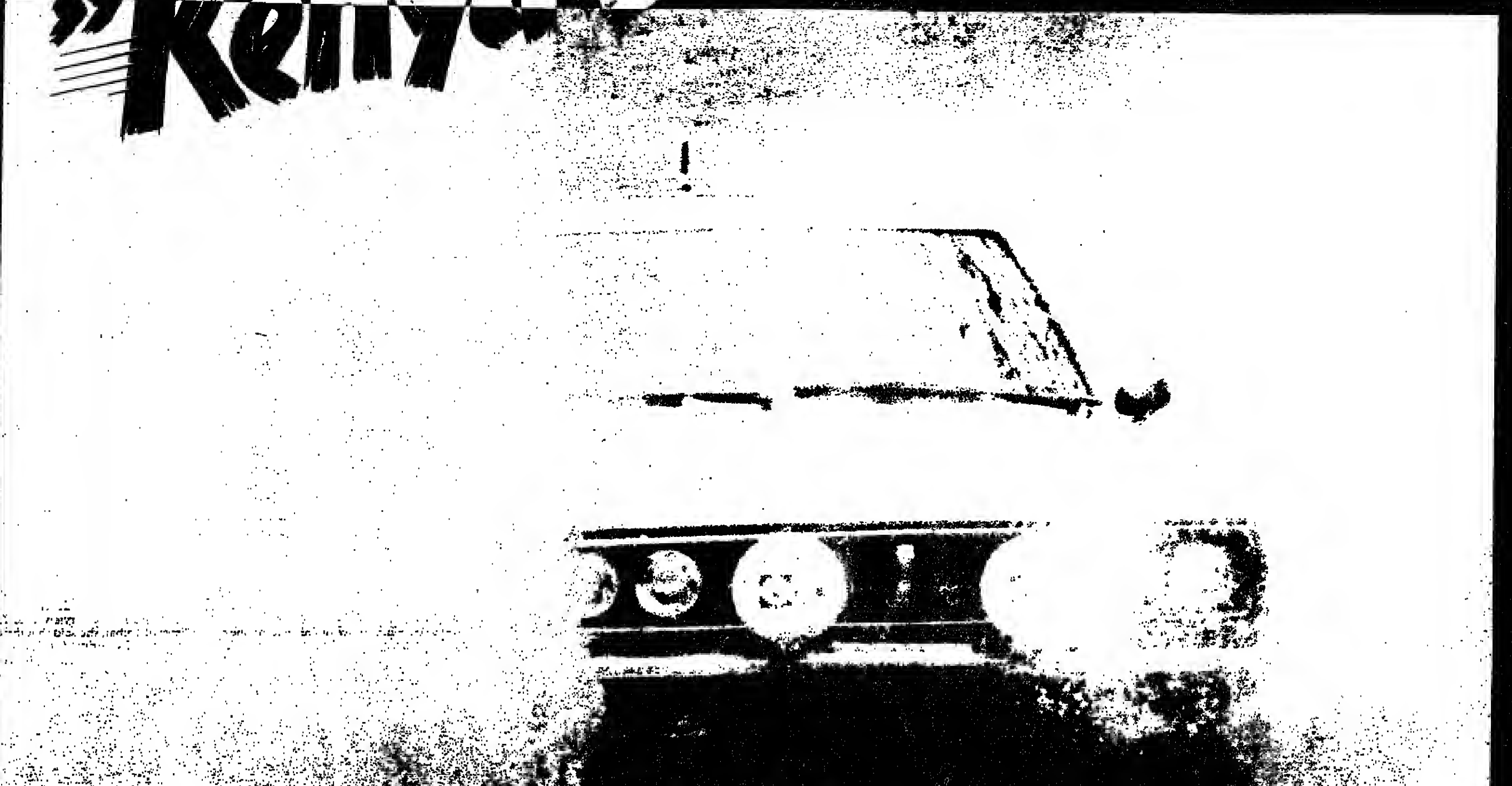
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Sub incident threatens Reagan-Suzuki summit

By Donald Kirk TOKYO —

The reluctance of the U.S. to offer a full explanation for the sinking of a Japanese freighter by an American nuclear submarine last month threatens to disrupt President Reagan's first summit conference with Japan's Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki on May 7 and 8. Japanese officials and commentators bold to that view in the face of personal assurances and apologies by Reagan and promises of acceptance of full responsibility and liability by the U.S. Navy Secretary, John Lehman.

In fact, some officials privately accuse the U.S. of simply attempting to "bribe" and otherwise divert attention from the crucial unanswered questions: why did the submarine fail to pick up any of the 15 crewmen of the freighter before it sank, and why did the U.S. take 36 hours to report the episode to Japanese authorities?

"The fact remains the U.S. should tell us what happened before Suzuki leaves for Washington," said a Japanese government source, after noting that Reagan in a personal letter to Suzuki had assured him of "satisfactory progress" in the investigation but had carefully offered no commitment to make a final report before then.

Japanese officials pointed out that Reagan had hastily written his message of Suzuki, conveyed by U.S. Ambassador Mike Mansfield in a meeting with Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ito, after Ito had warned flatly that the summit could fall if the U.S. did not come up with its explanation in advance.

It issued what could only be interpreted as a threat amid a torrent of unremitting criticism by Japan's national dailies, television commentators and opposition politicians of the U.S. response to the disaster, in which the captain and first mate of the freighter were drowned. Japanese have left no doubt that they will not settle merely for apologies, assurances or even financial compensation — and may turn the incident into a bargaining tool to play against American demands for increased Japanese defense spending and "voluntary" controls on car exports.

"The clarification of the facts in the case should not be allowed to take second place to the negotiations over compensation," the *Asahi Shimbun*, Japan's most prestigious national newspaper, said in an editorial. "Why did the collision occur?" asked the newspaper. "Why was no attempt made to rescue the crew? Why was the government notified so late? The U.S. should announce in detail the results of its investigation as soon as possible."

In one of the hardest hitting commentaries on the affair to date, *Asahi* compared the American submarine with a "hit-and-run driver." Unless the circumstances were properly explained, said the newspaper, "the affair will be a source of trouble in relations in the future."

American sources for their part noted the collision could hardly have happened at a less opportune moment. The White House would like to convince Suzuki at the summit of the urgent need for Japan to slash automobile exports well below last year's record level of 1.8 million vehicles — something that Japanese motor manufacturers refuse to agree to do.

The fear among U.S. and Japanese diplomats, anxious to smooth over the affair, is that the U.S. for security reasons will never adequately explain the response of the submarine, the *George Washington*. It was reportedly bound for South Korea when its conning tower gashed the hull of the freighter, the *Nissho Maru*.

Rescued crewmen have repeated their stories to U.S. Navy investigators contradicting the original U.S. claim that the weather kept the submarine from spotting the sinking ship when it surfaced. Visibility was fine for two miles, said the crewmen, and a U.S. spotter plane circling overhead could easily see them.

"What if nobody from the freighter had survived," asked a letter writer in the *Asahi Shimbun*. "Would the U.S. have ever reported what happened?" — (ONS)

Letter to the editor

Sir,
 According to the report published in the April 21st issue of *Arab News* — "License Rules Explained" — you state that expatriates can drive vehicles if they possess valid driving licenses from their home countries. Further, you say that Saudi Arabian licenses will be granted only after the expiry date of licenses issued from these home countries.

Please confirm this report and publish this letter so as to clarify the doubts of expatriates who wonder if they may drive a vehicle using their existing home licenses.

Yours truly,
 M.A. Moideen Kutty
 P.O. Box 5909
 Jeddah

EDITOR'S NOTE: Foreign licenses may be used until they expire. After that, Saudi Arabian licenses must be obtained, according to traffic department officials.



Annihilation obscures mediation in El Salvador

By John Mcaward

Stalemate best describes the current state of El Salvador's civil war. The Salvadoran security forces and the guerrillas of the revolutionary left, each unable to achieve a decisive victory, are now locked in inconclusive skirmishes that threaten 5 million Salvadorans with continued violence and death.

The call for a negotiated settlement is gaining support in Europe, where many hope that Jose Napoleon Duarte, the appointed president of the junta, and Guillermo Manuel Ungo, leader of the opposition coalition, the Democratic Revolutionary Front, can be brought to the bargaining table.

While neither is believed to exercise effective control over his armed faction, both men are considered essential to any political settlement. Today they are public enemies, but less than a decade ago, they were victorious partners in an election for president and vice president — only to be denied their rightful office by the military. Each enjoys respect for his humanitarianism and commitment to social justice. Yet each is perceived as a captive of forces that are beyond his power to control. Duarte's critics claim that Defense Minister Jose Guillermo Garcia is de facto chief of state. Ungo is accused of providing social-democratic window dressing for Marxist forces.

Despite the hostility between the two former allies and the armed clashes between the factions they represent, negotiation is possible. So far, three offers of mediation — by the Roman Catholic bishops of El Salvador, by former West German Chancellor Willy Brandt and by the organization of American States — have been rejected. These actions do not prove that negotiation is an impos-

ible goal, only that it will take powerful pressure, artfully applied, to bring the adversaries to the bargaining table.

Earlier mediation offers were rebuffed because they came from people suspected of bias. Four of El Salvador's five bishops are politically to the right of Duarte, so their offer was refused by the left. Brandt had spoken publicly in support of the left and thus was unacceptable to Duarte. The OAS is too easily subjected to U.S. pressure to be trusted by the leftist opposition as a mediator.

Yet no political solution is possible without international mediation. One approach might be for Duarte and Ungo each to select a nation willing to act as a go-between. Those two nations could in turn choose a third country, acceptable to both principals, to organize a peace-keeping operation. All three should be willing to send an internationally backed peace-keeping force into El Salvador at the appropriate time.

Prompt, open elections should be the main objective. A ceasefire agreement would have to confine government forces to the barracks; the guerrillas must agree to take on offensive action. A department-by-department ceasefire (departments are the equivalent of American states), beginning with the least combative areas, would test the word of the combatants and demonstrate the ability of the peace-keeping force to maintain law and order. An international panel of jurists should be convened to investigate human-rights violations and corruption, and to prosecute the accused. If the military is to survive as an institution, it must be cleansed of corruption and killers, and must accept the principle of civilian government control.

To be sure, the present nature of El Salvador's security forces makes prosecution both problemati-

cal and risky. A prosecution must convince a majority of officers that failure to punish those responsible for serious breaches of conduct will threaten the entire military structure. Only then will members of the military testify against those who they consider to have brought disgrace to the service. Fifty years of continuous and, until recently, unchallenged military rule have produced an officer corps accustomed to iron rule and corruption. When commissioned, these officers never dreamed that they would someday be under attack from their own people.

Once a ceasefire was achieved, displaced persons could return to their home villages. A neutral electoral commission would register voters as a first step to elections for representatives to a constitutional assembly. With a new constitution, election campaigns for higher offices would commence under the protection of the peace-keeping force. Four major political forces have indicated a willingness to field candidates in free elections: The Christian Democrats (led by Duarte), the Democratic Revolutionary Front (led by Ungo), the Productive Alliance (made up of business groups) and the military's Party of National Conciliation.

Recently a high State Department official predicted that the PCN would win an free election. This was challenged by Manuel Enrique Heinz, leader of the productive Alliance and minister of economics in the previous junta, who declared that in a coalition with urban unions his faction would win. Both Duarte and Ungo also believe their parties would be victorious. With each of the four parties convinced of its own superiority, the moment for negotiations leading to elections may never be more propitious.

But who will convince the military to negotiate? The failure of the guerrillas' "final offensive" in January, coupled with the renewal of U.S. military aid, has given the military a scent of victory. Yet atrocities continue against civilians, giving the impression that annihilation, not mediation, is the military goal.

Lately the State Department has tried to disassociate itself from official atrocities. However, the Reagan administration (like the Carter administration) contends that because our military aid goes only to the army and not to the dreaded security forces (the National Guard, Treasury Police and National Police), the United States has little influence over those other branches and is not implicated in their atrocities.

What Washington has not acknowledged is that every security officer in El Salvador is a graduate of the nation's only military academy and officers rotate regularly through the various branches of the security forces. Furthermore, all U.S. military aid is channelled through a single unified command headed by Col. Jaime Abdul Gutierrez, vice president and commander-in-chief, and by Defense Minister Garcia, both directly responsible for the actions of all branches.

The United States is actually best positioned to bring about mediation. As opposition to the U.S., El Salvador policy mounts among Americans and mail to the White House runs 10-to-1 against it, now is the time for the United States to bring pressure to bear against the Salvadoran military. The Reagan administration can convince the military to accept mediation because continued U.S. support is essential to the military's survival. These realities, combined with international pressure, can force all parties to the conference table. (LAT)



The new budget is symbolic of welfare and prosperity for all. — Al Nadwa

Saudi Arabian Press Review

All newspapers of the Kingdom Monday led with a detailed report on the new state budget, which was approved by King Khaled during a meeting of the Council of Ministers Sunday. The papers highlighted the SR340 billion revenue in the new fiscal year. State expenditure would stand at SR 298 billion, with an estimated reserve of SR 42 billion for the state treasury. They prominently mentioned the King's orders to raise the salaries of state employees on the basis of new psychcales for different levels of employees. The new salaries will be effective from the new fiscal year, beginning Tuesday.

Newspapers frontpaged statements of members of the Council of Ministers on the new budget, highlighting Crown Prince Fahd's statement in which he expressed his pleasure over the royal care and concern "for us all".

In a front-page story, *Al Jazirah* quoted the Kuwaiti Foreign Minister as saying that Oman has promised to consider abrogating its treaty with the U.S. for military facilities if South Yemen reciprocates this gesture by terminating its treaty with the Soviet Union.

Newspaper editorials exclusively discussed the new budget of the state, describing it as budget for welfare and prosperity. *Al Medina* highlighted the king's announcement that the budget is for the welfare of all people of the Kingdom. It said that the royal announcement gives further confidence to the

citizens that the budget will bear outstanding fruits for the benefit of the people of this country. The paper lauded the royal order to raise the salaries of public servants and expressed satisfaction with the budget's concentration on development projects. It said the country was now making strides in productive, industrial and agricultural fields, and added that welfare has been the essence of the budget at all stages.

In an editorial, *Al Jazirah* said that the King's speech symbolized his love and affection for his people and literally translated the hopes and aspirations of every individual of this country. The paper referred to the royal concern for the salaries of the state's civil and military personnel and said that the raise in pay scales represented an outstanding accomplishment of the new budget. It added that the raise came on the basic principle that everyone should get his full worth for the discharge of his obligations toward the country. The paper expressed much satisfaction with the statement of the Ministry of Finance and National Economy, which said that the available figures and statistics have confirmed that the absorbing capacity of the national economy has risen as a result of growth and development in the efficiency of the productive sector, services and infrastructure, including seaports, airports, roads, wireless and telecommunications, transport, etc.

Al Nadwa said that the new budget has concen-

trated on the productive sectors, as is evident from the allocation of more than SR136 billion for new projects. The paper expressed pleasure over the allocations for military and security sectors and the revised salaries for state employees. It further expressed the confidence that the pay raise would improve living conditions of employees and would thus enable them to carry out their national obligation still more effectively. The paper agreed that there is a marked difference between the new budget and the previous one, and hoped that its implementation in the new fiscal year will help to complement the march being led by the King toward a brighter and more comfortable future.

Al Bilad highlighted the Monarch's call on all citizens to implement the new budget in such a way as to turn the figures into tangible accomplishments for the greater good of the nation. The royal stress on this point is an outstanding proof of the King's great concern for the well-being and prosperity of his people, it said. The paper also highlighted the Crown Prince's remark that the citizens realize the economic position of the country and would come forward with tangible participation in the development of public facilities in the Kingdom. This remark stresses the significant role of countrymen in transforming the budget figures into real accomplishments, the paper said, and added that the new budget is a harbinger of good omens for the future.

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By University of Kuwait

Research probes Arab traditions

By Lathef Farouk
Gulf Bureau

KUWAIT — The University of Kuwait has now undertaken a very comprehensive research to explore the possibilities of preserving and protecting the traditional Arab way of life and the centuries-old Islamic heritage in the wake of rapid urbanization of cities in the Gulf region.

Dr. Ishak Quth, associate professor of sociology in the University of Kuwait, who is entrusted with the task of collecting relevant data from all municipalities and other authorities in the region, said: "It is an attempt to prevent Arabs from feeling like strangers in their own land in view of different cultures brought in by the expatriate population and modern technology."

He has already visited municipalities in Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait and United Arab Emirates from where he will proceed to Saudi Arabia. Data collected from each city include topics like decision-making process of different municipalities, administration, organization and management, physical planning in terms of heterogeneity and homogeneity, commercial, industrial and other factors influencing the pattern of expansion, measures taken for the benefit of the local population, data on land use in the cities, preservation of national heritage and historic sites, traffic and other relevant details.

Data collected so far, said Dr. Ishak, point out the need for city planners, along with engineers, sociologists, anthropologists and others, to undertake research in cities concerned and devise patterns in keeping with

the Arab and Islamic aspirations of the area. But the only way to achieve this task is to blend Western techniques with the traditional life of the area, he said. Cities in the Gulf region, he said, face multivarious prob-



Dr. Ishak Quth, associate professor of Sociology in the University of Kuwait.

lems due to rapid industrial development. Urban society, he feels, should not be analyzed in terms of physical environment of ever-growing skyscrapers in the area, but to innovate the traditional life and values to accommodate urbanization as a way of life while preserving the cultural and traditional life of the area.

This is of vital importance because the

social order of cities in the region is quite different from those of the poor Arab countries. In this respect, he urged the need to study the urban community of Al Ain, popularly known as the green garden city of the United Arab Emirates, as a unique city characterized by special features.

To make this effort a success, he also emphasized the need for Al Ain and Kuwait universities to jointly undertake a study like the one done 20 years ago by Prof. Lloyd Warren on an urban community in the United States under the title *Yankee City*. Such studies, he feels, will help Arab sociologists and others to come out with theories and models of urban growth relevant to the Gulf region, and city-planners will be in a better position to take constructive measures in this respect.

Elaborating his study, he said it will analyze in detail the impact of rapid urbanization on social structure, cultural and traditional values, families and inter-relationships. One of the biggest problems now faced by all cities in the region is the presence of a very big expatriate population with different cultures which may influence the traditional Arab way of life in the area.

However, there is a growing awareness among the city-planners and the authorities concerned to overcome these problems by devising long-term urban planning to suit the aspirations of the local population. The current study, he said, will certainly help in providing the required guidelines to adopt Western techniques to further enrich the traditional Arab and Islamic heritage in the urbanization of cities.

Allergy -- the main cause of chronic illness in U.S.

By a Medical Correspondent

Allergy is the number one cause of chronic illness in America, according to the magazine *American Family Physician*. About 35 million Americans have at least one allergy, says the writer, and hay fever is the most common, affecting 14,000,000 people. Nine million Americans suffer from asthma.

COMFORTS OF RESTING: Have you ever wondered why you feel so comfortable lying, resting or sleeping on the beach? The reason is that your body fits into the right hollows and mounds of sand until you are supported comfortably. Perhaps, you will say, then why hasn't somebody invented a sandbed for the disabled?

The argument might be that you could create a bed of sand, covered with a simple sheet. A high pressure air supply would be blown through the sand until it fitted round the user's contours, so that every inch of his body would be resting comfortably. But there is one problem with sandbeds, which are, in fact, already available from a Dundee, Scotland, company: The price is over the £3,000 mark.

TIPS FOR LONGER LIFE: Dr. Bob Samp of the University of Wisconsin, U.S., has come up with five tips for helping you to live a longer life. He developed the idea after a study of more than 2,000 Americans who lived longer than average. He came up with the following: Accommodate yourself to the many challenges of life; Avoid prolonged stress; Develop outside interest; Keep working at either paid or volunteer activities, and eat sparingly, but with enjoyment.

EGGS REVEAL YOUR CHARACTERS: If you like your eggs sunny side up, you're



REST: An old woman taking rest, one of the ways to prolong life.

probably healthy, happy and wise, say experts. The Florida Department of Education's division of vocational, technical and adult education says the way you eat your eggs reveals a lot. It lists: Hard-boiled: You are president dynamic and sincere; soft-boiled: You are gentle, patient and kind; medium-boiled: You are calm and collected;

poached: You are speedy, full of spice and intelligent; scrambled: You are nervous, passionate and have a leaning toward the arts; baked: You are sensitive, romantic and a bit fastidious; omelette: You are steady, reliable and rather conservative; and turned over (while fried): You are versatile, magnetic and like to dominate.

Acupuncture only for functional disorders

TAIPEI — For thousands of years, acupuncture has held an important place in Chinese medicine. In the past, the art was used to treat many ailments. After its effectiveness in surgical anesthesia was established worldwide, it aroused interest in modern medical circles.

Historically, acupuncture was practiced widely during the Chin, Sui and Tang dynasties when great importance was attached to it everywhere. After the Chen Chiu Ta Cheng was published in the Ming Dynasty, it became accepted as the most complete work on the subject. Along with Nei Ching, the first of China's medical writings, it was owned by almost every acupuncturist in China.

After the seventeenth century, however, the use of acupuncture in therapy began to decline, as modern Western methods were introduced to China. Since the new medicine had precise instruments, a complete underlying theory and constantly improving techniques, the Chinese accepted it readily. Some even charged that Chinese medicine was without foundation and that acupuncture was unscientific.

On Sept. 22, 1943, the National Government promulgated its "medical precepts," which for the first time placed Chinese and Western medicine on an equal footing. This added to acupuncture's efficacy in the treatment of disease, and at last secured its position in medicine.

Though no study to date can explain precisely why acupuncture can relieve pain and alleviate illnesses, one thing is certain: its function is inextricably linked with the nervous system. Some biochemists still doubt its ability to produce changes in various glandular secretions, body fluids and enzymes, which is perhaps why its curative powers remain a mystery.

Besides undertaking a study of an acupuncture, the Ching Hsueh (literally, "meridian points") theory, also combines it with a number of modern Western techniques, opening up a wide range of new diagnostic and therapeutic methods. Among them: are the Ryo-do-raku diagnosis (discovered in Japan), the Kellon photographic method (Russia), and the electrical resistance-blood circulation diagnosis (West Germany), all of which are closely related to the theory of acupuncture.

Even though no study has yet pinpointed the reason for its effectiveness, acupuncture in clinical use has produced remarkable results. In January, 1974 the personal physician for the president of Bangladesh brought his 12-year-old son to Taiwan for treatment of an ear affliction. At the age of 11 months the child had lost his hearing after a bout with meningitis. After four days treatment, the boy who had been deaf for 11 years, could hear his father shouting one meter away.

Some years later, a local woman named Lou, paralyzed and mute from a stroke, could sit up after only one hour of treatment. After four more such therapy sessions she could move unaided up and down the stairs by clutching the rails.

A patient who had lost the sight of his right



NEEDLE THERAPY: World-famous cardiologist Dr. Christian Barnard seen undergoing needle therapy in China, top left; cylindrical bamboo cups, known as "Pa Kuan" have achieved satisfactory results in the treatment of rheumatism, top center; meridian points are marked on a bronze model for easy reference, right; dried mugwort is an important part of acupuncture treatment, second from right; needle insertion will not cause much pain if it is in the precise meridian point, third from right; and the usual round needle is used in the treatment of pseudo-myopia and in diet programs, left.

eye regained it after 10 treatments; an expectant mother who had difficult pregnancies delivered twins smoothly after acupuncture treatment. These are just some examples of the efficacy of needle therapy. In fact, the method has been used since ancient times to treat a wide variety of ailments, including asthma, gastric disorders, skin diseases, stroke and arthritis. Since knowledge of acupuncture has spread all over the world, Western practitioners have discovered that it can be used to reduce weight, suppress addictions (to smoking, drinking and hard drugs), relieve pain at parturition, and even enhance facial blood circulation to eliminate minor wrinkles. In addition, it has been found effective in easing pseudo-myopia (eye-strain), offering new hope to many nearsighted patients. Suddenly, acupuncture has become recognized as a panacea for many ills.

Although acupuncture has gained a good reputation as a kind of therapy, much like injections, radiation and other methods, it has its limitations. As a rule, it can only be used to treat functional disorders. It cannot achieve positive results in the treatment of appendicitis, asphyxia, bone fractures and other potentially fatal ailments.

There are also some taboos. It is believed, for instance, that using acupuncture during pregnancy can cause miscarriages, or that it can cause irregular heartbeat, shock or a symptom called "needle fainting" in patients suffering from coronary diseases, diabetes, hemophilia, hunger, overeating or fatigue.

Any one considering needle therapy invariably asks: "Will it hurt much?" Some discomfort is inevitable when the needle enters the body, but most say the experience is no more painful than a mosquito bite.

Today, the Veterans' Tri-service General, National Taiwan University hospitals in Taiwan and most other big ones are equipped with acupuncture facilities. Treatment can be given side-by-side with Western therapy.

Ling ling-kwang, one of Taiwan's foremost female acupuncturists, believes that to practice the technique, one must not only be well-versed in meridians, points of insertion, and handling needles, but also understand Chinese medicine's theories of etiology, recognition of symptoms, diagnosis and therapeutic methods. According to Ms. Ling, though there are differences between doctors practicing needle therapy — (some have a family tradition going back for generations, some have undergone apprenticeships, and some are self-taught) only the most honest and upright practitioners will take the national examination for certification in the use of acupuncture treatment.

Dr. Chung Chieh, director of Veterans' Hospital Acupuncture Division, holds that today, the best acupuncturists are doctors versed in western medicine with an understanding of the art, rather than acupuncturists with a passing knowledge of western medicine. To put it another way, every acupuncturist should receive comprehensive modern medical training.

Dr. Chung advanced the idea of "hidden effect," under which acupuncture alleviates a disease through masking the symptoms, rather than effecting a real cure. Thus the ailment sometimes continues to spread undetected until it is beyond treatment. Only if one has sufficient knowledge of modern medicine to discern such a "hidden effect" in time, can one give a scientific diagnosis.

Since last year, the Veterans' Hospital Gastrointestinal and Acupuncture Divisions have joined forces in a plan to use needle anesthesia. According to Dr. Chung, the method has been used on more than 100 patients, with a success rate of 80 to 90 per cent. Compared with narcotic anesthesia, needle anesthesia has two advantages: preparation time is much shorter (three minutes vs. 15 minutes) and needle anesthesia has no after-effects. With narcotics, a person must not eat for quite a few hours before, or some time after surgery, in order to prevent vomiting.

In 1977, the Veterans' Hospital began using new acupuncture prescription symbols. Besides streamlining procedures, and simplifying statistics, tabulation and analysis, the symbols also make it easier for Western-trained doctors to absorb and apply the treatment. Dr. Chung won an award for this new Westernized style in 1978 from the Taiwan Medical Foundation.

In the four years since the Veterans' Hospital established its Acupuncture Division, large numbers of young physicians have come

from 21 countries to study the technique. Dr. Vangermeersch of Belgium arrived at the hospital, in October, 1979, with a delegation to conduct observations, which prompted him to stay on for further studies. He returned home after completing his project and reorganized his notes into a 190-page book entitled "Acupuncture Study in Taiwan." The work has become a best-seller in Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg, and Dr. Vangermeersch has now started two associations for the study of acupuncture in Rotterdam.

Last October, Dr. Chung held a lecture tour of Europe at the invitation of the Belgian Acupuncture Study Council. By comparing therapeutic methods in other countries, he has introduced two new features to therapy and training methods at the Veterans' Hospital, the use of fewer needles, and simplified prescriptions.

Dr. Chung believes future research should be conducted in three stages: (1) new facts established by clinical acupuncturists, (2) further research into findings; and (3) specialists in different fields (biophysics, biochemistry, embryology, endocrinology, immunology, immunology, neurology) working as a team to conduct deeper research into acupuncture.

On Feb. 1 this year, all major Taiwan newspapers published a story about how the Premier of Fiji had benefited from an acupuncture treatment. The Premier had been in pain for some years as a result of

injuries to his neck, waist and ankles. Normally, he could only play eight holes of golf before succumbing to low back pain. After receiving a single therapy session in Taiwan, in which Dr. Chung inserted four needles in his leg, the Premier was able to play the full 18 holes at Tamsui Golf Course. Once again, China's ancient and mysterious medical technique had proven itself effective in medical treatment for a foreign friend.

(Courtesy of Sinaroma)

Andrew's works put on display

LONDON, May 4 (AP) — Two oil paintings by 21-year-old Prince Andrew have been put on display by special permission of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II. The landscapes from the Prince's Canadian school-days were loaned to a small gallery in Falmouth, a few miles from the naval base where he is training.

The works normally are kept in the Queen's private collection in Buckingham Palace, but she gave the go-ahead for showing as part of a tribute to the naval air-sea rescue squad. At a preview Fri town clerk Eric Dawkins described the art as "good for an amateur."

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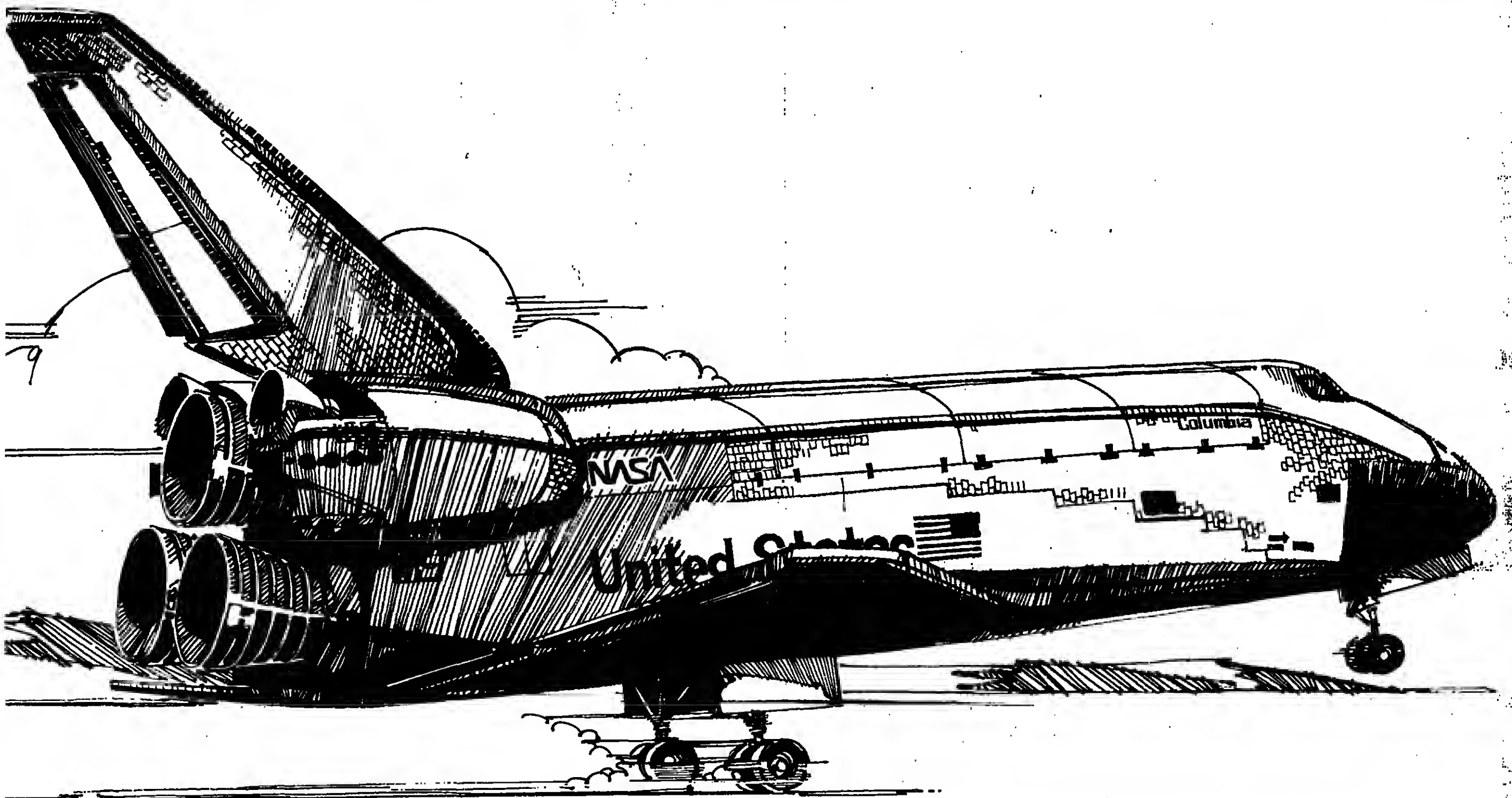


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With a timely burst

Bird guides Celtics into finals

BOSTON, Massachusetts, May 4 (AP) — The Boston Celtics, led by Larry Bird's 23 points, completed their remarkable playoff comeback Sunday by wiping out an 11-point second-half deficit and beating the Philadelphia 76ers 91-90 to move into the National Basketball Association's Championship series against the Houston Rockets.

The 76ers led 67-56 during the third quarter and still clung to an 89-82 advantage with 5:23 left in the intensely physical seventh game of the Eastern Conference finals. But Boston scored nine straight points, the last on by Bird, while holding Philadelphia scoreless for 4:54.

Ceric Maxwell sank one free throw and Nate Archibald sank two, center Robert Parish made a turnaround jumper and Bird converted two free throws to tie the score 89-89

with 2:51 to go. Bird, the 1980 rookie of the year, then came back with a 15-foot bank shot from the left side for a 91-89 lead with 1:03 to play.

Following a pair of turnovers, Philadelphia had a 3-0-1 fastbreak, and Maurice Cheeks was fouled by Gerald Henderson with 21 seconds on the clock. He made just one of two free throws to leave Philadelphia trailing by one.

M.L. Carr missed a 20-footer for Boston, and Philadelphia's Bobby Jones gathered in the rebound and called time out with one second left. Jones' inbound pass bounced off the top of the backboard, and the Celtics had the emotion-charged victory.

Thrilling wins
Meanwhile in the European Basketball championships in Istanbul, favorites

Greece and the Netherlands scored decisive victories.

The Greeks beat Finland 101-86 in the six-team preliminary League. They were helped by 38 points from Nicolas Georgia, who at 1.85 meters, was one of the smallest men on court. The Netherlands playing in the other six-nation league, comfortably beat Bulgaria 86-65, with veteran National player Kees Akerboom scoring 22 points.

The four teams from each of the preliminary League look forward to a final qualifying round in Istanbul next weekend to produce four teams to join eight already decided at the European Championships in Czechoslovakia at the end of the month.

In other matches, West Germany went down to Romania 84-95 and Belgium lost to Turkey 70-71.

Dodgers give Expos a thrashing

NEW YORK, May 4 (AP) — Pinch hitter Reggie Smith singled home the tiebreaking run in a five-run 10th inning, enabling the Los Angeles Dodgers to post a 6-1 victory over the Montreal Expos Sunday as rookie sensation Dermando Valenzuela won his sixth game in as many starts.

seven-inning solo blast, triggered Philadelphia to a 7-5 victory over San Francisco. Don Sutton scattered five hits over seven innings and collected three walks himself to help Houston beat Pittsburgh 3-1.

Chris Chambliss drove in four runs, three on a homer to key a five-run fifth, and Atlanta came back from a five-run deficit to defeat Chicago 9-7. Reliever Tom Hume walked Darrell Porter on four straight pitches with two out and the bases loaded in the 11th inning to hand the St. Louis Cardinals a 5-4 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

Rick Wise and Gary Lucas combined on a six-hitter, Dave Edwards hit a solo home run and Ozzie Smith knocked in two runs to lead San Diego to a 4-1 victory over New York in the opener of a doubleheader.

Joel Youngblood's three-run homer in the seventh inning, his fourth hit of the game, gave New York a 4-1 victory over the Padres in the second game.

In the American League, the New York Yankees swept a doubleheader from the Oakland A's, 3-2 in 10 innings and 2-0. Jerry Mumphrey led off the 10th with a home run off Oakland's Steve McCarty giving the Yan-

kees their first-game victory. The Yankees won the nightcap as Jim Spencer broke a scoreless tie with a solo homer in the seventh.

Elsewhere in the AL, Richard Dotson tossed a five-hitter and his Chicago teammates collected 15 hits as the White Sox snapped a four-game losing streak with a 6-0 victory over Cleveland.

Gene Upshaw's leadoff home run snapped an eighth-inning tie as Toronto defeated Baltimore 4-2 and ended a 19-game losing streak in Memorial Stadium.

Glenn Adams drove in two runs with a bases-loaded single in the third inning, and Minnesota went on to a 3-1 victory over Boston, completing a sweep of a four-game series.

Larry Hise doubled with two out in the sixth inning to drive in one run and scored the eventual winning run in Don Money's single as Milwaukee defeated California 4-3.

Detroit came from behind, scoring five noearned runs in the seventh inning, to defeat Seattle 8-5. Pat Putnam clubbed a 10th-inning, leadoff home run to cap a Texas comeback and give the Rangers a 9-8 victory over the Kansas City Royals.

Jeddah cagers set for Dhahran tourney

Special

JEDDAH, May 4 — Men representing Jeddah basketball whip through final work this week, preparing for the Kingdom-wide championships slated for Thursday and day, and sponsored by the Marriott Hotel Dhahran.

The Jeddah 12, picked from the men's basketball league recently, will represent the stern part of the Kingdom, with another up from Yanbu, including some Jeddahers, also making the trip east. Teams in Riyadh, Jubail, the Eastern Province, Amco, Marriott and the University of Petroleum and Minerals rounded up the field. The MGM is the site of the tourney.

The tourney marks the conclusion of Jeddah men's basketball this season, with the Abdul Aziz University team topping league and tourney championships in past two weeks. University turned back second-place Raiders in the league

action, and then knocked off eventual runner-up Sandia in a two-game tourney final last week.

The champs were led by probably the top player in the Kingdom, Abdul Aziz Zaid, the University coach who played for the Houston Rockets in U.S. National Basketball Association before coming to Jeddah.

Zaid, 6 feet 9 inches tall, is joined on the all-star team by Saudia's seven-footer Bill Phillips, who played eight years of pro ball in Europe. That formidable pair could well dominate play in Dhahran, alternating in the post during the grueling five-game-per-team, two-day affair.

Still, other efforts have the height to match the Jeddah group, notably the Eastern Province team, boasting 6'10 center Dave Cantrell. Aramco and Riyadh also will field a few skyscrapers.

At least one other NBA vet will be on the court. Em Bryant, who played with both the New York Knicks and the Boston Celtics, will

suit up for Riyadh.

Also named to the Jeddah squad are Khalid Amin and Ahmed Fallaha, University; Auggie Alifant, Kevin Linberger, Sam Bryant and Brian Keyes, Saudia; Mike Hoskins, Scott Hass and Tom Martella, the Raiders, who were coached by Jeddah sports luminary Glen Groom; and Sidney Lofton, Lockheed, which finished fourth in league play.

Named to the Yanbu-Jeddah Consortium were: Max Glassbrook, Rick Zook, Pat Fleming, Bob Jacke and Rick Jensen, from Jeddah come Randy Hobely, John Levine, Soovy Gomez and Roger Stalling, the Raiders; and George Webb, the Rebels, fifth this past season.

This is the second year the Dhahran Marriott is sponsoring the tourney's and organizer Jobo Charman said he hopes such "Kingdom-wide basketball" will become "a permanent feature of the sport's calendar." Charman coaches at the UPM.

Fin poised to retain title

AMPERE, Finland, May 4 (R) — Fin's Tarmo Uusivirta took a long stride toward retaining his middleweight title when he topped Manfred Trauten of East Germany in the European Amateur Boxing championships Sunday night.

Uusivirta, who won the title on Cologne years ago, was not very impressive in the round. But he floored Trauten with a right to the chin in the second round and referee intervened in the third.

C Finn, one of western Europe's hopes for championships that seem inevitably dominated by eastern European contenders faces another severe battle in the next 1. He boxes speedy and hard-hitting in Silaghi of Romania, who beat Hungarian Roxozi on points.

Isocar Corpi of Sweden, boxing in the division, hammered Michel Moukory of Czech to defeat in the second round, but has subtle privilege of meeting Yuri Torok of the Soviet Union next. Torok forced Czech's Robert Pitscher to give up in the 1 round without apparently extending it.

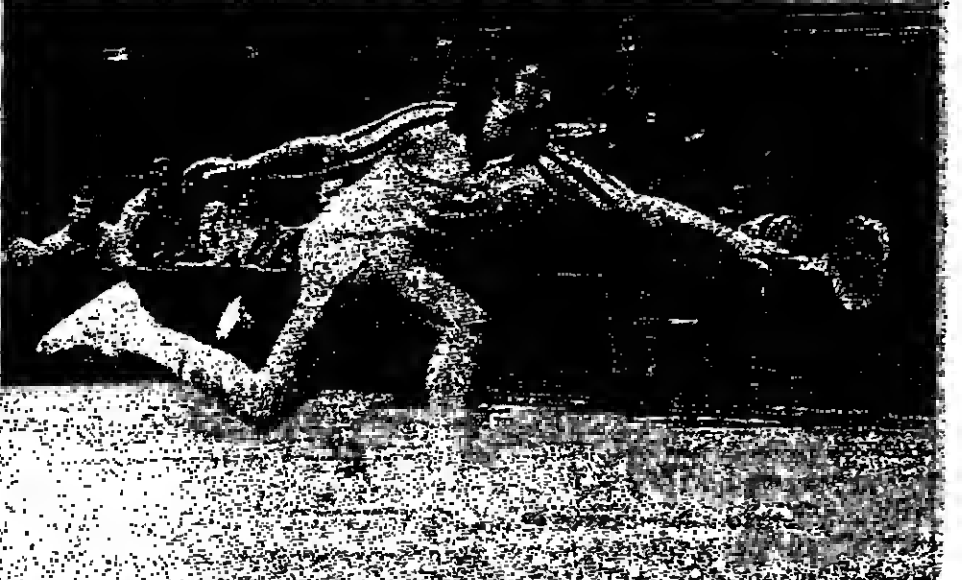
Spain's Jimmy Price boxed with confidence to stop Irish middleweight Terence O'Leary in the second round.

Selected winners in other heavyweight were Vassili Bussakov of Bulgaria, who outpointed Yugoslavia's Ranko Vasovic, and Risto Groenroos of Finland, who adding for a points victory before the referee intervened in the second round to help his opponent, France's Tomasi Koukehe, for unfair punching.

Denmark will defend his European light crown against official challenger Richard Rodriguez of France here on Sunday.

Spain has been pencilled in for a world minor against former World Boxing champion Pepino Cuevas of Cuba in Houston on June 25.

The same Copenhagen bill, Australian Terri defends his commonwealth bantamweight title against British Board of control Mike Irungu.



SMASHING DOUBLE: American John McEnroe, who won the WCT title for the second time in three years beating Johan Kriek Sunday, making a dash for the ball.

McEnroe whips Kriek

DALLAS, Texas, May 4 (AP) — Top-seeded John McEnroe, frustration South Africa's Johan Kriek at every turn with his machine-like efficiency, stormed to the \$100,000 first place prize Sunday with a straight set 6-1, 6-2, 6-4 victory in the second worst beating ever administered in the World Championship of Tennis finals.

McEnroe, who joined Jimmy Connors and Ken Rosewall as a two-time winner of this 10-year-old event, broke Kriek's service twice and took only 28 minutes to bag the first set. Kriek, who now lives in Florida, frittered away seven break points as his backhand constantly failed him.

Kriek, who earned \$40,000 runnerup pay, suffered three service breaks in a 31-minute second set and his only glimmer of glory came when McEnroe's first service failed in the sixth game in only a minor setback for the American.

The high kicking second service of the 23-year-old McEnroe was almost as devastating as his bullet first serve. The smallest Kriek constantly jumped to his tip toes to return the second service with the ball bounce-

ing up around his face or shoulders.

The 23-year-old Kriek, who had 21aces defeating Roscoe Tanner Friday night, found the favorite shot in his arsenal backfiring. Forced to his second service over 50 per cent of the time, Kriek was tagged with eight double faults, once costing him a break of service.

The worst beating in WCT history was a one hour and 35 minute whipping of Eddie Dibbs by Vitas Gerulaitis in 1978. Dibbs only won six games in the 6-3, 6-2, 6-1 loss.

McEnroe got a tougher fight from Kriek in the third set, but the stocky South African's service betrayed him. Kriek double-faulted twice in the seventh game to lose his service.

Meanwhile, top-seeded Billy Martin of the United States and Russel Simpson of New Zealand won the doubles title in the eight million yen Dunlop Tennis tournament beating Americans Matt Mitchell and Maze 7-6, 6-2 in Nagoya Monday.

Simpson had earlier won the singles crown beating Charles Fancutt of Australia 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 Saturday.



MOVING HIGH: Kenny Roberts of the United States powers his way to victory in the West German Grand Prix Sunday revving Yamaha's hopes of beating the Suzukis for the World 500 cc Motorcycling Championship.

Roberts wins W. German Grand Prix

HOCKENHEIM, West Germany, May 4 (AFP) — Reigning world champion Kenny Roberts of the United States resurrected Yamaha's hopes of defeating the Suzukis for the World 500 cc Motorcycling Championships with a desperately close win the West German Grand Prix here Sunday.

The 29-year-old American, who has dominated motorcycling for the past three years covered the 12.98 kms over the Hockenheim circuit in 42:04.70, less than one second clear of Suzuki pair Randy Mamola and Marco Lucchinelli.

The 21-year-old Mamola had been installed as favorite to dethrone his compatriot following his confident win in the opening 500 cc event — the Austrian Grand Prix at Salzburg last weekend.

Suzukis filled the top three placings in Salzburg, but with New Zealander Graeme Crossby having to retire with mechanical problems early on, Mamola, who has been suffering from a fractured wrist was left to carry the banner. Crossby had set the fastest practice time.

The dull, overcast conditions suited the less powerful Yamahas, but it still needed a tenacious performance from Roberts to stem the tide. Yamahas filled the fourth to sixth places with Britain's former world champion Barry Sheene finishing sixth.

The day's other success was that of home hero Anton Mang. In front of 100,000 cheering fans, he powered his Kawasaki to a double in the 250 and 350 cc categories, an exploit he achieved last year at the Czechoslovakia Grand Prix.

Mang now leads the 350 cc world standings with 31 points after three legs ahead of champion Jon Ekerold of South Africa, while he is now lying third in the 250 cc, two points behind leader Jean-Francois Balde of France and Roland Freywood of Switzerland.

Angel Nieto of Spain completed his third win in three 125 cc outings this year, while the Scottish-Swedish, sidecar pairing of 27-year-old Jack Taylor and Bengt Johansson were beaten into second place by French duo Alain Michel and Michael Burkard.

The only sour note of the day came with the crash of Vincenzo Cascino of Chile in the 350 cc race. He was rushed to hospital with head injuries and was said to be in a critical condition.

In North American League

Cosmos struggles to beat Diplomats

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey, May 4 (AP) — Francois Van Der Elst, with help from Giorgio Chinaglia, connected on the lone goal in the Cosmos' 1-0 victory over Washington Sunday, ending the Diplomats' five-game North American Soccer League winning streak.

Sixty-five minutes elapsed before the Cosmos scored the game's only goal. Angelo Dibbernardi started a Cosmos give-and-take where Van Der Elst took the ball, passed it to Giorgio Chinaglia who returned to Van Der Elst for the goal.

The Belgian midfielder's low, straight kick, forced the Dips' to back off its previously conservative defense for the first time. The victory lifted the Cosmos to a 6-1 record, while the Diplomats fell to 5-2. The 24,789 spectators at Giants Stadium was the smallest crowd for the Cosmos at home this season.

The Chicago Sting scored two goals in a 1:41 span early in the second half to secure a 3-1 victory over the Tampa Bay Rowdies in Chicago.

Karl Heinz Granitz put the Sting ahead at the 40:52 mark of the opening half, drilling a 20-yard shot past Tampa Bay goalkeeper Kevin Keelan.

Midfielder Ingo Peter extended the Chicago lead when he converted a pass from Ivan Mijiljavec, and later, Charlie Fajkus drove home a pass from newcomer Pato Margetic to make it 3-0.

The Rowdies got their only goal at 64:24, when Steve Wegele converted a penalty shot awarded after Sting defender Dave Huson handled the ball in the penalty area.

Meanwhile, goals by Ace Ntscolengoe and Stewart Jump in the shootout lifted Minnesota to a 4-3 victory over Montreal.

Playing in a steady rain, Montreal overcame a 3-0 first-half deficit and tied the contest at 79:49 of the second half on a goal by Michael Corre. Gordon Hills' second goal of the game at 59:05 of the second half cut the margin to 3-2.

Ntscolengoe scored at 6:34 of the first half and Alan Willey scored at 9:00 to give the Kicks, 2-2, a 2-0 lead.

Ron Futch Pun scored at 37:46 to give the Kicks their 3-goal cushion before Hills

FIFA chief satisfied

BARCELONA, May 4 (AFP) — International Football Federation (FIFA) President Joao Havelange expressed satisfaction with preparations for next year's World Cup finals in Spain when he visited two of the grounds to be used here Monday.

The two Barcelona stadiums — the famous Nou Camp and Espanol's Sarria — will host between them the opening match, the match for third place and three second qualifying round games.

Work at the Sarria has been partially completed with the playing surface and the lighting to be brought up to standard by the end of November.

Over at the Nou Camp, the capacity is being increased from 93,000 to 126,000 and a gigantic screen — the biggest in the world according to Barcelona directors — is being constructed to show slow-motion replays of the World Cup action.

scored his first goal at 39:17.

After two scoreless overtime sessions, Montreal took a 1-0 lead in the shootout when Hill connected past Kicks' goalie Timo Lettieri.

Ntscolengoe's goal tied it and Minnesota went ahead 2-1 on Jump's tally. Montreal's Tony Towers failed to get his shot off within the 5-second time allotment and Lettieri then blocked a shot by Montreal's final shooter, Carmine Marcantonio, to wrap up victory.

The day's other substitute Jan Goossens scored one goal and assisted on another to lead Edmonton Drillers to a 3-2 win over

Dallas Tornado. The win, before 15,428 fans, was the Drillers' second straight and evened their record at 2-2. The loss dropped Dallas' record to 2-4.

Klaus Heinlein and Peter Nogly also scored for Edmonton which picked up nine points to move to within seven points of third-place Portland Timbers in the NASL's Northwest Division. Neil Cohen and Peter Gruber replied for Dallas.

Edmonton dominated the first half, building up a 2-0 lead, but had to settle for a 2-1 halftime margin when Tornado scored in the last minute.



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Libyan oil exports fall by 14 per cent

KUWAIT, May 4 (AP) — Libya's exports of crude oil in 1980 fell 14 per cent below the 1979 level, according to figures released Monday by the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC).

During 1980, the OAPEC bulletin said, Libya exported a total of 619 million barrels, compared with 718 million barrels in 1979. Of the 1980 total, 298 million barrels went to Western European customers and 219 million barrels to the United States and Canada — a drop of 18 per cent and 17 per cent respectively, relative 1979 export figures.

The bulletin also said that during 1980 eight per cent of Libya's exports of crude oil went to Latin American markets and 1.3 per cent to Japan. Libya's exports of oil to Eastern European countries also registered a 24 per cent decline during the same period, added the OAPEC bulletin.

Meanwhile, the Soviet Union last year supplied 53 million tons of crude oil and petroleum products to the 16 West European countries, meeting 10.1 per cent of their import needs against previous 9.6 per cent, the private body Petrosudies reported here

Monday.

Total Soviet oil exports to West Europe fell four per cent last year. The reliance of the countries concerned on the USSR increased nevertheless, since their purchases from other suppliers fell simultaneously to a greater extent.

Petrosudies, which specializes in research on the Soviet oil sector, said Soviet exports to the members of the European Economic Community (EEC) rose 4.4 per cent to 36,250,000 tons. The weighting of the USSR in non-EEC purchases by community members rose from 6.5 to 7.54 per cent. In the case of natural gas the proportion is 40 per cent.

Petrosudies based its figures on statistics provided by importers. It said Finland was the chief Soviet customer, buying 9,700,000 tons of crude and other petroleum products. This total was five per cent down on the previous year. Next largest customer was France taking 8,960,000 tons (up 35 per cent), followed by Italy 8,300,000 tons (up 23 per cent) and the Netherlands 7,580,000 tons (up 26 per cent).

Technologists meet challenge

Master plan underway to boost N. Sea oil flow

SULLOM VOE, Shetland Islands, May 4 (R) — In the storm-swept Shetland Islands, northeast of Scotland, the oil industry is putting the finishing touches to a master scheme to secure the flow to Britain and the world market of a rising volume of North Sea oil.

At a cost of \$2.75 billion a giant oil terminal at Sullom Voe is now 90 per cent complete, designed to handle crude oil and gas from the most northerly fields of the North Sea. Developing these fields, in deep water and savage weather conditions, pushed the frontiers of offshore oil technology into areas scarcely dreamed of 10 years ago.

Chevron Petroleum's 600,000 ton platform in the Ninian field, built of concrete and standing 530 feet (1,600 meters) tall, is the biggest movable man-made structure ever created. For its Magnus field, closer to the Arctic, British Petroleum (BP) is building the tallest fixed steel platform it has designed for the North Sea, to stand in 600 feet (1800 meters) of water.

The huge waves of the North Sea probably make this the limit for platforms that rest on the sea bed. As the search for oil moves into even deeper water, a new type of platform designed by Conoco for its East Shetland Hutton field points one way forward. It will float on the water tethered by steel cables anchored to the sea bed.

The 10 East Shetland fields already discovered are projected to account for around half of total North Sea output in the early 1980s. British and Norwegian production is now moving up toward 2.4 million barrels per

day (BPD), equivalent to 20 per cent of the production of the Soviet Union, the largest oil producer.

To convey the east Shetland oil to the nearest land, the bleak treeless Shetland Islands, two giant pipelines three feet (one meter) in diameter and each more than 100 miles (160 km), long were laid on the seabed.

As operator for a consortium of 34 oil companies, British Petroleum began in 1978 to build a major supertanker terminal and plant to extract and liquefy the gas brought ashore with the crude oil, on this site at Sullom Voe.

Conditions are daunting, construction materials have to be shipped in and most workers, up to a peak of 7,000 men, are flown back and forth from mainland Britain for week-long shifts. Landing at Scatsta airstrip in 30-mile-per hour (50 km per hour) crosswinds, light aircraft aim 45 degrees off the runway and slide in horizontally, bucking like wild horses.

Within minutes, bright sunshine at Sullom Voe can give way to hail and snow which blots out the horizon, with the wind swinging halfway round the compass and doubling in ferocity. Such conditions test the skills of the master mariners employed to pilot giant supertankers of up to 300,000 tonnes through the narrow channel to the oil and gas loading jetties, which are able to process at least 20 such vessels a week.

The 23,500 Shetland Islanders, who live by fishing and sheep rearing, viewed the arrival of the oil industry with mixed feelings, not

Iran seizes heroin worth \$4 billion

BEIRUT, May 4 (AP) — Iran's anti-narcotics squad has confiscated 416 kilograms of processed heroin valued at more than \$4 billion, Iran's Pars news agency reported Monday.

The agency said the 30 billion rials worth of heroin was seized in the salt desert of Kavir in central Iran, but did not say when. Paps also failed to say whether the haul's worth was calculated at Iran's or Western market prices of the drug.

Britain to urge U.S. on decontrolling gas

LONDON, May 4 (AFP) — British External Trade Minister of State Cecil Parkinson will urge American officials to move faster to free natural gas prices when he makes an official visit to the United States Wednesday, informed sources here said.

The U.S. administration is committed to decontrolling artificially low gas prices, but Parkinson will stress that the controls give an unfair advantage to a American industry and particularly the chemical and textile sectors.

The sources said that Parkinson sees this as the main problem in bilateral trade relations.

Japan warns U.S. against protectionism

WASHINGTON, May 4 (R) — Japan's Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki has said it would be suicidal for the United States to enact protectionist legislation with regard to car imports.

He said that while the automobile problem between Japan and the United States was "very much an American problem," his government had "decided to exercise some prudence on the part of the Japanese automobile industry" to help the free trade machinery.

Suzuki said he realized the importance of the car industry to the American economy. But, he said, "should there be any protectionist legislation enacted in the United States, it will be suicidal for both America and Japan."

Suzuki's comments, in an ABC television interview, came just two days after the Japanese government announced it was voluntarily limiting car exports to the United States to give the financially pressed American industry time to redesign its factories to build smaller, more fuel-efficient models.

The restrictions, although not as extensive as the industry or U.S. Congress was seeking, should also head off proposed legislation aimed at imposing mandatory limits on the number of Japanese cars imported over the next three years.

In a related development, American newspapers had mixed reaction to the "voluntary" decision by Japan to curb car exports to the United States.

"What is most upsetting about the deal is not the restraint on imports as such but the (U.S.) president's could have asked anything in return from the American auto industry," the *New York Times* said.

It said that Presidents Ronald Reagan could have pressed U.S. automakers and

unions for reform and added: "All that remains is for the American consumers to volunteer to pay \$1 billion more for all the cars they buy this year."

The agreement came as the U.S. Congress, under strong pressure from the country's automobile industry, appeared strongly inclined to impose import restrictions unilaterally. The benefits of the Japanese agreement will give "The Washington Star said the benefits of the Japanese agreement will give, if any, have yet to be measured."

"A limitation on the supply of small fuel-efficient cars, however modest, is likely to raise their price...and will do nothing to speed up revitalization of Detroit" (U.S. auto capital), the Star said. "At least," said the *Baltimore Sun*, "the voluntary plan reduces the threat of protectionist legislation in Congress and a related trade war."

Referring to the impending Washington visit of Suzuki, *The Sun* said: "with the auto issue out of the way, both government should now concentrate on easing the strain of two other side issues." It cited the sinking of a Japanese freighter by a U.S. Navy submarine and the lifting of the grain embargo against the Soviet Union.

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Danes give \$5m for refugee aid

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, May 4 (AP) — A door-to-door weekend fund raising drive for the world's homeless netted at least \$5.7 million, the Danish Refugee Council announced Monday.

It was more than twice the amount collected in Denmark's last nationwide refugee campaign in 1976, a spokesman said, and was the equivalent of one dollar for every man, woman and child in Denmark. The official figure Monday stood at 39 million kroner (\$5.7 million), but a council spokesman said that contributions were still coming in through the mail.

Prime Minister Anker Joergensen gave a seven million kroner (\$1 million) check on behalf of his Social Democratic government. Sunday, an estimated 50,000 volunteers collected door-to-door around the country while a fundraising jamboree featuring English actor Peter Ustinov was televised from Denmark's third-largest city, Odense.

The refugee council said the money would go to housing, food and health services for refugees primarily in Africa and Southeast Asia.

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" "	Maintenance of Al-Dalam/Wadi Al-Dawasir 786 kms-long highway.	—	500	8.6.81
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9.	Kion of Thiopia	Orr	General	2.5.81
10.	Cher Ye	Abdallah	Contra/Steel/Gen.	2.5.81
15.	Sanaa	K.A.A.	Contra/Gen.	3.5.81
19.	Torn Herdis	Alasabah	Bulk Cement	2.5.81
20.	San Felice	Algasabli	Bagged Barley	27.4.81
21.	Theanto S.A.	SSMSC	Maize/Sorghum/Rice	3.5.81
22.	Primorje	Atar	Eggs/Tobacco/Cement	3.5.81
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27.	Serifos	M.T.A.	Reefer	27.4.81
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Iran sets \$11b to boost gas network

TEHRAN, May 4 (R) — Iran plans to spend about 80 billion rials (\$11 billion) on a major 16-year project to expand its gas network and cut dependence on kerosene as a home heating fuel, the *Kayhan* daily newspaper has reported.

It quoted Vali Pour, head of the gas organization of oil-producing Khuzestan province, as saying 220,000 private and industrial consumers all over Iran would be connected to the gas system each year.

He was quoted as saying the government and the oil ministry had approved the cost of the project, adding "in the near future gas will replace kerosene."

Kerosene is currently rationed 30 liters a month per household — following the destruction of 60 per cent of Iran's oil refining capacity in the early days of the war against Iraq.

The government has allocated \$200 million for import of kerosene and petroleum products. Before the 1979 revolution, Iran exported 10 billion cubic meters of gas a year to the Soviet Union by pipeline, but all deliveries have been halted since March 1980 over a pricing dispute.

The plan would save Iran 2.5 billion rials (\$33 million in oil at today's prices over 16 years, Pour was quoted as saying. Substituting gas for kerosene would reduce the need for additional refining capacity and "new refineries which expand our ties with Western countries will not be built."

The project would create work for 150,000 people and contribute to solving Iran's unemployment problem, Iran said in February. It had begun to build a natural gas plant with a targeted initial capacity of 40 million cubic meters a day.

World Bank lends \$274m to Nigeria

WASHINGTON, May 4 (AP) — The World Bank announced Monday the approval of two loans totaling \$274 million for agricultural development in Nigeria.

A \$132 million loan will be used to carry out an agricultural development project in Bauchi state. The World Bank said the project is expected to raise the incomes of some 280,000 farm families. A \$142 million loan will support an agricultural development project in Kano state. Some 600,000 small-holder farm families will benefit from the project. The World Bank said \$132 million project will support the Bauchi state agricultural development project which will extend farm support services already introduced to the Gombe region of the southwest corner of the state under an earlier bank supported project.



LASER LP RECORD: Akio Morita, director with Sony Company, recently presented the first Laser LP record to conductor Herbert von Karajan. A laser beam scans the record that has a playing time of 60 minutes; the 12 cm record does not wear out.

Circumventing federal laws

Visa draws plan to attract deposits

LOS ANGELES, May 4 — Visa USA announced Monday that it is developing a plan that would allow banks to offer something similar to a money market fund which customers could tap simply by using a Visa card.

The plan, in effect, would permit banks to circumvent federal laws which previously have barred them from offering the money funds. And a high-level Visa executive said that the new service could be made available within three to six months.

The Visa announcement came as banks face mounting competition for their deposits from money market funds being offered by brokerage houses and independent firms. The funds pool cash from customers, pay higher rates of interest than banks currently can offer, and frequently provide check-writing services.

The disclosure by Visa also represented a dramatic response by the bank-owned organizations to the merger announced last week between American Express and the brokerage firm of Shearson Loeb Rhoades.

In a strongly worded letter to its member financial institutions, Visa President Charles T. Russell said the merger would clearly turn American Express into a "bank" that would compete aggressively for deposits. He called upon banks to stop selling American Express products, which include travelers checks and its gold card.

"It is time for the banking community to stop kidding itself about the nature of this financial giant," Russell said in the letter made public Monday. "It is not a financial service company operating on the fringe of our industry, providing services that complement our own. It is a bank, in everything but name. It is not our partner. It is a smart, tough, aggressive competitor."

Specifically, Visa charged that American Express would tap its list of gold card customers and travelers check customers as prospects for a "cash management account" at Shearson. Such an account allows customers to instantly draw down interest-bearing balances for any kind of purchase. The service offers customers higher interest and more flexibility than banks can provide. At the same time, Shearson would not be subject to reserve requirements and other banking regulations.

In response, a spokesman for American Express said the firm had not decided whether to use lists of gold card customers in developing a cash management account, but he would not dismiss the possibility. A high-level American Express executive urged banks to continue offering its services because the firm "has delivered millions of dollars of profit to banks."

The American Express gold card is offered through 1,800 banks which retain the interest on a credit line starting at \$2,000 and which share in the card's annual fee of \$50.

While the money market fund has not yet been approved by the board of directors of Visa USA, it is expected to be welcomed by banks which have suffered heavily from billions of dollars in deposit withdrawals.

"There are a lot of banks that would dearly love to get into this area," said Lyman E. Seely, vice chairman of the First National Bank of Oregon and board chairman of Visa International.

Visa USA is owned by 11,930 member banks. It is the outgrowth of Bank Americard Corp., which was a subsidiary of Bank America Corp. until thousands of bank licenses bought into the organization in 1970. Visa has not yet developed the specifics of its money market fund plan, but it is expected to work this way:

A bank customer would deposit a minimum amount, perhaps \$5,000, in a bank account. The bank would automatically transfer that amount to a money market fund operated by Visa, a subsidiary, or a separate brokerage house.

The bank customer would be earning the highest market interest rates on the \$5,000 deposit and would be able to withdraw money at any time with a newly offered Visa "premium card," a travel and entertainment card that would differ from the standard Visa credit card.

The "customer" could use the new "cash management account" to buy stock or bonds. He could make special arrangements with a bank to provide a line of credit through the account, using equity in his home or the cash value of his life insurance as collateral.

The set up effectively would allow banks to circumvent the provisions of the Glass-Steagall Act, which prevents banks from entering the brokerage business and have been interpreted as barring banks from offering money funds.

Financial Roundup

Dollar breaks fresh barriers

By J.H. Hammond
JEDDAH, May 4 — Local dealers reported some brisk trading with the European markets that were open Monday, namely the Frankfurt and Paris markets. London was closed Monday. Zurich was quite active too, but most dealers privately admitted that they were keeping a wary eye for London's opening Tuesday as well as the New York markets opening Tuesday night. Still continental trading showed that the overall trend was to continue taking the dollar higher against virtually all currencies. Eurodollar deposit rates continued to firm and local markets reported, for the second day in a row, slight changes in riyal deposit rates. Spot riyal trading picked up though Monday when the dollar reached new highs.

The dollar broke new barriers, especially against the mark, the French franc and the Swiss franc. Sterling also fell by more than two cents over Thursday/Friday levels to fluctuate erratically Monday around 2.1165-2.1200 levels. The German mark also fell heavily to 2.3410 levels at one stage before the Bundesbank — the German central bank — intervened to push the mark to 2.2345. The French franc continued to fall sharply on the exchanges — to 5.3130 at

one stage, again an all-time low against the dollar for the past six months. The Swiss franc drifted down to 2.0410 before buying pressure pushed it to 2.0400. The yen weakened also to 218.30 levels (Thursday closing 214/215).

The continental markets, confident that the Federal Reserve Bank will switch track on interest rate policy, pushed Eurodollar rates up to 18 1/4-18 3/4 per cent levels in the one month, and to 17 3/4-17 1/2 per cent in the one year. This is almost an 1/4 per cent rise over the weekend in the short dates. Riyal rates firmed slightly by 1/8 per cent at most to close at 14 1/4-15 1/2 per cent levels in the one month and 15 1/4-15 3/4 per cent in the one year. The smaller rise is possibly due to the fact that most financial institutions dealing in riyals wanted to digest the implication of the just released budget figures showing a planned expenditure of SR 298 billions from this May to next April. This is larger than the market expected and analysts are predicting that riyal rates could remain more stable in light of the size of larger expenditures. On the local exchanges, spot riyal rose to 3.3610 — 20 levels, showing increased demand for the dollar over Sunday's trading.

ILO to enforce ship safety norms

GENEVA, May 4 (R) — Port authorities in several West European states will be empowered to enforce safety standards aboard potentially dangerous ships from next November, the International Labor Organ-

ization (ILO) said Monday. The Geneva-based United Nations agency said a convention backed by states responsible for more than a quarter of the world's merchant shipping tonnage was aimed at sub-standard vessels.

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Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Monday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.50	8.50
Belgian Franc (1,000)	94.00	100.00	—
Canadian Dollar	2.81	3.20	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	154.00	152.00	150.35
Dutch Guilder (100)	139.00	140.00	136.20
Egyptian Pound	—	4.07	4.28
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	91.25	91.60
French Franc (100)	65.00	64.50	63.35
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	—	63.90
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	40.20
Iranian Ryal (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	8.00	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	31.00	32.00	30.40
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.80	—	15.65
Jordanian Dinar	—	—	10.24
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	10.50	12.16
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	83.20	81.60
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	69.50	67.70
Pakistan Rupee (100)	—	—	34.10
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	43.70
Pound Sterling	7.25	7.22	7.15
Qatari Ryal (100)	—	92.20	92.50
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	158.80
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	—	37.85
Swiss Franc (100)	—	40.00	41.50
Syrian Lira (100)	—	170.00	164.00
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	52.65	86.50
U.S. Dollar	—	—	—
Yemeni Ryal (100)	3.36	3.37	3.2620
		74.00	73.65

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I TELL YOU, THE PROBLEM ISN'T HAVES VERSUS HAVE-NOTS--IT'S THE FLIPPIN' GIVE-NOTS!

HAGAR

LAST NIGHT YOU PROMISED WHEN YOU GOT UP!

YOU DIDN'T LISTEN CLOSELY

I SAID IF I GOT UP

SMALL SOCIETY

BEFORE I GOT RICH...

I THOUGHT IF I HAD MY HEALTH I HAD EVERYTHING--

WIZARD

DOC, I'D LIKE TO QUIT SMOKING BUT I DON'T HAVE THE WILL POWER

YOU DON'T NEED WILL POWER--ALL YOU NEED IS AVERAGE EYESIGHT

MY EYES ARE PERFECT!

GOOD--GO LOOK AT YOUR X-RAYS

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Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

The Pollyanna Approach

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ 4
 ♥ AK 4
 ♦ K J 9 6
 ♣ K Q J 10 2

WEST
 ♠ 10 9 8 5 3 2
 ♥ 8
 ♦ Q 7 4
 ♣ A 7 6

EAST
 ♠ A Q 7 6
 ♥ 6 5 2
 ♦ A 10 3
 ♣ 9 5 4

SOUTH
 ♠ K J
 ♥ Q J 10 9 7 3
 ♦ 8 5 2
 ♣ 8 3

The bidding:
 North East South West
 1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass
 2♦ Pass 2♥ Pass
 4♥

Opening lead — ten of spades.

Let's say declarer is playing a hand where the outcome is uncertain because it depends on how or where the defenders' cards are located. If declarer has a choice of several lines of play, he naturally assumes a distribution of the adverse cards that permits the contract to be made. To play otherwise would surely be a losing policy. The same principle applies to the defending side. A defender is also obliged to make favorable assumptions, since it would be downright foolish to credit declarer with a hand that renders the contract impregnable. Here is a case in point. East wins the spade lead with the ace and must decide on his best course of defense. He realizes that if South has the ace of clubs there is no chance whatever of stopping the contract, so he automatically assumes that West has it. This in turn means there are three defensive tricks (three aces), but at the same time raises the question of how and where to obtain the setting trick. Obviously, there is no chance of West's winning a trump trick, so the only hope of beating the contract lies in winning a second diamond trick. Since West must have the queen of diamonds for this hope to materialize, East makes a second assumption on the hand by mentally assigning that card also to West. In line with this, East plays a low diamond at trick two. Declarer is helpless against this well-reasoned attack. West's queen forces the king and, after South draws trumps and attacks clubs, West takes the ace and returns a diamond to put the contract down one. With any play but a low diamond at trick two, South makes four hearts.

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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake
FOR TUESDAY, MAY 5, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth Sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
You'll have a chance now to improve close relationships, but money may be a sore topic. Travel and communications are favored.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
Tried-and-true methods bring financial progress. A co-worker may be envious. Mid-afternoon favors shopping expeditions.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Improve your standing with a current heart interest. Resist the temptation to see somebody else on the side. Don't arouse suspicion.

CANCER (June 21 to July 21)
Keep important domestic moves confidential and you'll enjoy progress. A relative could cause tension with a close friend.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 22)
You'll enjoy the company of friends now. Accept invitations for good times. Mixing business with pleasure is not recommended.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Be alert for career opportunities. Don't seek advice from people you don't know.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
Be careful in financial dealings with others. Get proper counsel. Travel and academic interests should be rewarding at present.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Keep important financial plans under wrap. You needn't remain so suspicious of a close friend. Let partners lead in mid-afternoon.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
Social life should be pleasant now, but don't let a prying friend know your business secrets. A close tie may desire some privacy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Business progress is assured now, though you may be concerned about a child's welfare. Seek proper medical advice, if necessary.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Plan your vacation. A confusing domestic decision will be straightened out by day's end. Include relatives in late-evening activities.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
Seek loans for property improvements. Real estate matters are favored, though a business matter needs further consideration.

Crossword
by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

42 Philippine island
1 Ferber novel
6 American film critic
11 Titled earth
12 Expense-account item
13 Measuring device
14 Finnish lake
15 N.Z. fort
16 Lingerie item
18 Apiece
19 "Gunsake" hero
21 Radiation unit
22 Lack
23 Russian river
24 Cooped up
26 Stopping place
27 Warp yarns
28 Spanish painter
29 Actress, Charlotte
30 Meanders
32 Between Miss. and Ga.
33 Collar style
34 Dilly
36 "The — That Roared" (1959 film)
38 Cheer
40 Set foot in
41 Derby symbol

DOWN

1 Corn porridge
2 Mountain nymph
3 Beach stunner
4 Small fish
5 Distorted, as copy
6 Laundry
7 Seek office
8 Up a tree
9 Film writer (sl.)
10 Type of underwear
17 Taylor or Carew composer
28 As written and Shubert (mus.)
23 Ibsen heroine
24 Chewy candy
25 Ear shell
26 Operetta composer
28 As written (mus.)
30 Cubic meter
31 Localities
35 Spanish dollar
37 Luscious
39 Mauna —

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L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES
NDJEH IT HJWJAG AL LPJGG
GI ZEX, NKG ETGJDPEDH YAL
ZIKGY LYEUN NJ TAUJH
PAGY FDECJU — BDICJDNL
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THE GIFTS WHICH DERIVE FROM JUSTICE ARE GREATER THAN THOSE THAT SPRING FROM CHARITY.—GIBRAN

Arab News Calendar

Time	Channel	Program	Time	Channel	Program
4:30	Children's Show	Sally Films	8:00	News Roundup	Reports: Activities, Opinion: Analysis
5:07	All Star Soccer		8:30	Outlook	News Summary
6:06	Young Maverick		9:00	Special English	News: Feature, The Making of a Nation
6:53	To the Manor Born		9:30	Middle East	News Summary
7:27	Adams Chronicle		10:00	News Roundup	Reports: Activities, Opinion: Analysis
8:26	Lou Grant		10:05	World News	8.30 World News
9:14	Dallas		8:09	World News	1.30 Discovery
			8:30	World News	2.00 World News
			8:30	World News	2.09 News about Britain
			8:45	World Today	2.15 Alphabet of Mosaic
			9:00	World News	2.30 Sports International
			9:30	World News	2.40 Radio Newscast
			10:00	World News	3.15 Promenade Concert
			10:09	World News	3.45 Sports Round-up
			10:30	World News	4.00 World News
			10:45	World News	4.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
			11:00	World News	12.15 Talkabout
			11:09	World News	12.45 Nature Notebook
			11:15	World News	1.00 World News
			11:30	World News	1.09 World Today
			12:00	World News	1.25 Financial News
			12:09	World News	1.35 Book Choice
			12:15	World News	1.40 Reflections
			12:30	World News	1.45 Sports Round-up
			12:40	World News	2.00 World News
			12:45	World News	2.09 Commentary
					2.15 The Face of England

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المجلة العربية

Filipino soldiers killed in ambushes

MANILA, May 4 (Agencies) — Communist rebels gunned down 15 persons, mostly soldiers, and wounded 15 others in separate ambushes in two Philippine provinces, the military said Monday. Meanwhile, Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) forces killed an unknown number of civilians and wounded "scores" of others in raids on two villages in southern Philippines, a military report said.

The incidents took place last Saturday in the southern provinces of Zamboanga Del Sur and Lanao Del Norte, and on Samar island in central Philippines, the reports said.

The military said 13 persons were killed and three others wounded when a joint military-police patrol was ambushed by a Communist New People's Army (NPA) band in the wake of reports from Dumaling municipality in Zamboanga Del Sur. Ten of those slain were troopers. Two army engineers were killed and 12 others wounded when NPA insurgents ambushed two military trucks in isolated towns of Samar.

In Lanao Del Norte, MNLF forces raided the villages of Inangougan and Dimayan, killing an unknown number of residents, according to the military. The homes of the villagers were also looted, it added. The NPA is the military arm of the outlawed Communist party while the MNLF is a Muslim group fighting for self-rule in the south.

Meanwhile, a military court confirmed Monday a death by firing-squad sentence on two top Communist leaders accused with opposition leader Benigno Aquino of murder and subversion. The confirmation of the 377 death sentence on former senator Aquino, however, was deferred until he returns to the country, the military court said.

Aquino, President Ferdinand Marcos' political arch rival, is in the United States. He was released from prison after seven-and-a-half year last May to undergo a heart operation in Dallas, Texas. He has since stayed on a fellow at Harvard University but has set forth that he will return to the Philippines later this year.

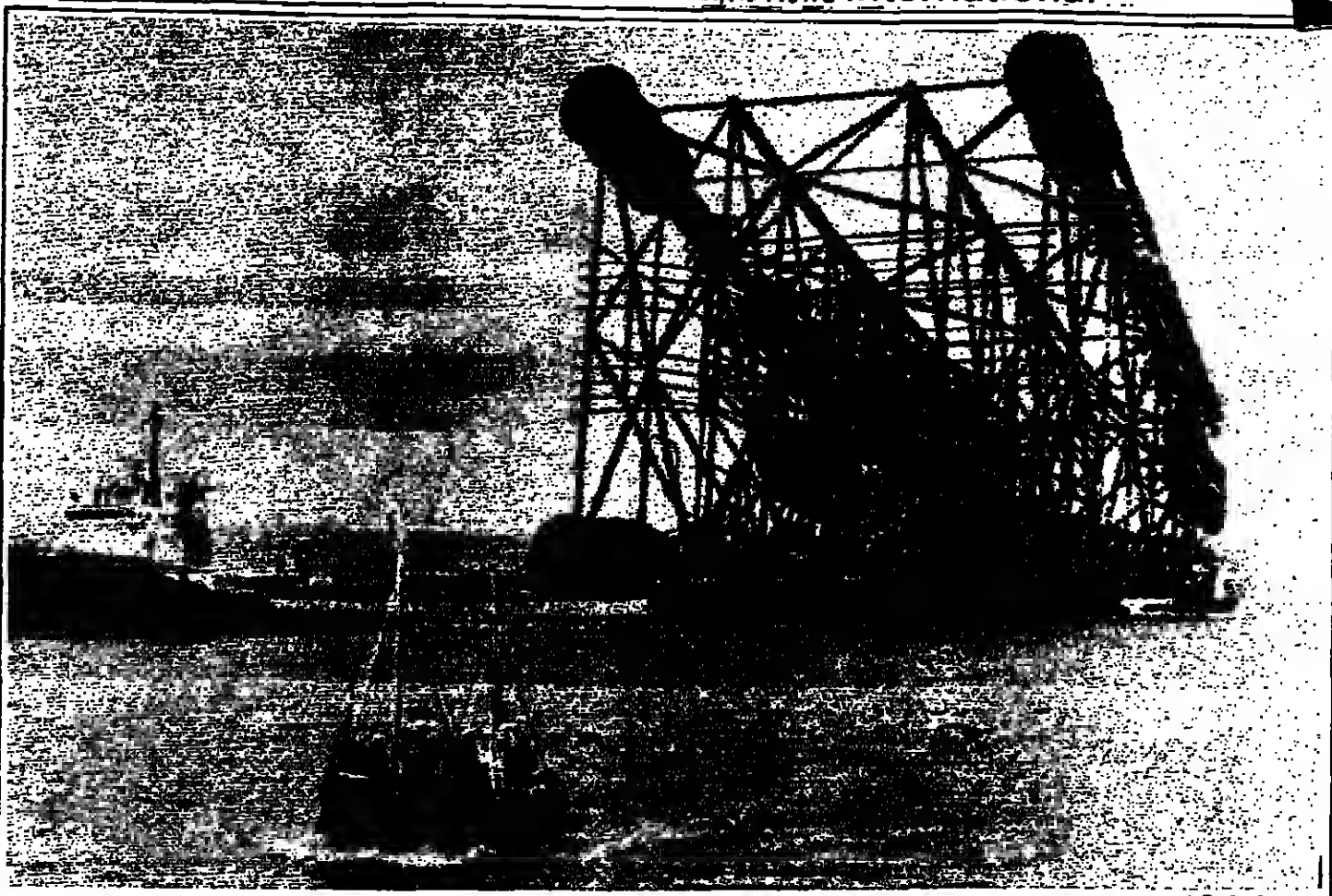
The death sentences were confirmed on Ernesto Busanayo, of the NPA, and Lt. Victor Corpuz, who led a dramatic raid on the Philippine Military Academy armory in 1970 before he defected to the NPA.

more Air-India man end in sabotage bid

BOMBAY, May 4 (AP) — India's Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) arrested an Air-India maintenance engineer Sunday in the case of the reported sabotage of a jetliner marked to take Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on a foreign tour this week.

K.P. Raman's arrest followed the detention last Thursday of three airline officials and a former employee on suspicion of tampering vital control systems of the Air India Boeing 707 jetliner. Earlier five senior engineering and security officers of the international carrier were summarily dismissed.

Meanwhile, an official spokesman scribbled as untrue a statement by former Foreign Minister A. B. Vajpayee that the plane, named *Mahuli*, was not the one scheduled to fly Mrs. Gandhi to Switzerland and the Middle East. This plane "was being readied for Mrs. Gandhi," the spokesman said.



GIGANTIC JACKET: Pulled by a tug boat at left, the biggest man-made object to pass through the English Channel leaves the harbor of Cherbourg in western France Thursday. It is the \$128 million steel jacket of a Shell/Esso oil production. It towers 30 stories above the sea and covers an area big enough to take four football pitches.

Giscard tries to entice Chirac's supporters

PARIS, May 4 (Agencies) — As the French presidential race moved into its final week 120,000 supporters of President Valery Giscard d'Estaing gathered under a mammoth tent Sunday to hear the beleaguered leader lavishly praise a man who has snubbed him politically.

It was the biggest rally in France's presidential contest and Giscard used it as a forum to entice 5.2 million followers of conservative Paris Mayor Jacques Chirac into his camp. Giscard desperately needs their votes when he faces his long-time rival, Socialist leader Francois Mitterrand, next Sunday in the runoff presidential election that experts say is too close to call.

The 55-year-old president once was considered a shoot-in for a second, seven-year term. But banished by France's 7.3 per cent unemployment and 12.5 per cent inflation rates, Giscard witnessed a dramatic decline in public opinion polls months ago. The latest poll gave Mitterrand a three per cent lead with 51.4 per cent of the vote against 48.5 per cent for Giscard.

It is the 64-year-old Socialist's third try for control of the presidential Elysee Palace. If he succeeds this time, France will have its leftist government in 23 years. In the 1974 election, Giscard defeated Mitterrand by a paper-thin margin of 1.6 per cent.

Giscard and Mitterrand were pitted against each other again when they emerged as the two biggest vote catchers among the top candidates in the April 26 first-round presidential race. The president won 28.3 per cent of the vote in that election while Mitterrand took 25.8 per cent. Neo-Gaullist Chirac finished third with 17.9 per cent followed by Communist Party chief Georges Marchais with 15.3 per cent.

Marchais promptly urged his 4.4 million supporters to vote for Mitterrand even though the Socialist has refused to say if he would appoint Communists to his government. But Chirac, a former premier under Giscard who broke away to form his own political party, has pointedly declined to advise his 5.2 million followers to vote for the president.

Before the cheering crowd at the rally Sunday, Giscard said he was ready to meet with Chirac before or after the election. He also said Chirac's own presidential campaign had been "useful and positive."

At election rally



President Valery Giscard d'Estaing



Socialist Francois Mitterrand

There was no immediate word from Chirac on when or if he might meet with Giscard. Across town Sunday, Mitterrand met with 200 financial experts and confidently predicted Giscard had "lost his control."

An hour before Giscard spoke, Mitterrand

told journalists that in the final stage of the election, the president was losing his nerve. "He wanted to appear calm and serene but now he is badly rattled and losing control," Mitterrand said.

The Socialist said Giscard was trying to frighten French people at the prospect of a change in society, but the president rejected a policy that had failed and produced unemployment, higher living costs, and social inequality.

Museveni leader

Anti-Obote forces form joint front

NAIROBI, Kenya, May 4 (AP) — Resistance forces seeking to overthrow Ugandan President Milton Obote have declared a unified military and political front in order to step up their campaign, according to reports reaching Nairobi. The reports reflected an apparent attempt to consolidate forces of former Defense Minister Yoweri Museveni, the Uganda Freedom Movement, and other groups. The resistance forces are known to have tribal and political differences among themselves, as well as with Obote.

The reports from Uganda said the forces are forming a national resistance council to include members of all political parties, including Obote's own Uganda People's Congress. They said a single military command will control the popular resistance army, the name used by Museveni's men.

Leaders of the front are all based in Uganda, the reports said. They said another target was Ugandan Vice President Paulo Mulunga, who carried out a military coup nearly a year ago to enable Obote to return from exile and run for president. The resistance forces contend that Obote rigged the December presidential elections that returned him to power after he was ousted by Idi Amin.

Group wants Hess released

AUGSBURG, West Germany May 4 (AP) — Rudolf Hess, the last imprisoned deputy of Adolf Hitler, still wants to be released from prison after nearly 40 years in jail, his son has told a gathering here. Wolf Ruediger Hess, Munich engineer, addressed more than 300 persons in this Bavarian city at a meeting to demand release for his 87-year-old father.

Sympathizers from Spain, Holland, Austria and France attended the session Sunday, carrying banners in their languages demanding Hess' release. Police ringed the hall where the meeting took place. The elder Hess is "unshakable and remains unbending despite torments of all types," his son said.

Hess was returned to Spaaudau prison in West Berlin last week after being treated for pneumonia in a British military hospital.

On May 19th, Hess will have been prisoner for 40 years. The former deputy fuhrer of Nazi Germany flew to Britain in 1941 in what he later said was an attempt to negotiate an end to the war. He was taken prisoner and sentenced to life imprisonment by allied judges at the Nuremberg courts for waging an aggressive war.

Heart-lung recipient breathes on own

STANFORD, California, May 4 (AP) — A man who received a new heart and lungs last week breathed without help Sunday, a spokeswoman at Stanford University Medical Center said. Charles Walker, who underwent the heart-lung transplant Friday, was taken off the respirator Saturday. It was only the fifth such operation in history and the second in the past decade.

Walker was weaned from the respirator sooner than was Mary Gohlke, the world's longest-living survivors of the double transplant. She underwent the surgery at Stanford March 9 and needed the respirator for 16 days. The three previous heart-lung recipients survived for eight

hours, eight days and 23 days, respectively.

Walker, 30, of Binghamton, New York, was "doing well" Sunday, hospital spokeswoman Bobbi Navickis said. "He is in critical condition because it's so close to the operation," she said. "He came off the respirator without a hitch." Walker, who had a congenital heart defect that led to severe lung damage, waited nearly a month at Stanford before organs from a compatible donor were available.

Doctors treating Mrs. Gohlke, 45, attribute her long survival to the use of a new drug, cyclosporin A, which thwarts rejection of the foreign organs by the body while allowing the body's natural immunity system fight infection.

Anti-Viet front Chinese hint at support to Kampuchean fighters

PEKING, May 4 (AFP) — China Monday gave formal notice that it would back the "organization" of non-Communist resistance movements fighting Vietnamese forces in Kampuchea (Cambodia). Observers saw this as an apparent indication that Peking was ready to provide aid to these forces. The Chinese position was announced in a commentary published Monday by the *Peking Review*.



Prince Norodom Sihanouk

China, which provides military aid to the Khmer Rouge, has repeatedly announced its support for all the "patriotic" movements in January to the pro-Hanoi Kampuchean regime which came to power in January 1979 when Vietnamese forces ousted the Khmer Rouge regime.

"China supports the organization of non-Communist armed forces in Kampuchea. Fighting in coordination under the banner of resisting Vietnamese aggression, the various armed forces will deal heavier blows at the invaders," the *Review* said. This stance comes in the wake of reports from Bangkok that China recently made a substantial arms delivery to a non-Communist Kampuchean movement, observers note.

China has neither confirmed nor denied the reports that it supplied weapons to the Kampuchean opposition movement headed by former Prime Minister Son Sann. Quoting people who were present at the delivery of bazookas, mortars and AK-47 automatic rifles, the reports said the arms were handed over on April 23 at the Thai-Cambodian border.

The movement headed by Son Sann is the main anti-Communist resistance force in Kampuchea. "It is important for countries upholding justice to give Kampuchean resistance forces moral and material support," the *Review* commentary added. It reiterated Peking's view on the need to form a coalition grouping the various anti-Vietnamese resistance forces in Kampuchea.

China recently decided in principle to supply arms to another anti-Communist Kampuchean group — the Moulinaka Movement headed by Prince Norodom Sihanouk. The prince, who is currently visiting China, announced recently that Peking was ready to provide him "a little military aid" on condition that a united front of anti-Vietnamese movements was formed in which he would

join forces with the Khmer Rouge and the Kampuchean People's National Liberation Front of Son Sann.

According to Sihanouk, Peking said that before Chinese arms were delivered to Moulinaka — a movement comprised of a few hundred men — it must show proof that it was engaged only against Vietnamese forces and not against the Khmer Rouge and Son Sann's forces.

Meanwhile, it was announced in Phnom Penh that some Vietnamese troops would be immediately pulled out of Kampuchea if Thailand prohibited activities by armed Khmer opposition groups from its territory of Kampuchean Foreign Minister Hun Sen, speaking at the opening of an international conference of solidarity with the people of Kampuchea Friday, said that some troops would only be withdrawn if Thailand stopped furnishing arms to the Khmer Rouge and other reactionary forces in that country.

Man-eating lion hunted

SALISBURY, May 4 (R) — Marksmen Sunday hunted a man-eating lion which killed a woman and her three children in north-east Zimbabwe, a national parks spokesman said. The spokesman said the three children were in a village hut Thursday when the lion entered the compound, broke through the door and mauled the children to death.

It appeared that the lion stayed inside until the children's mother returned and then killed her, the spokesman added. The day before, another lion killed a fisherman about 100 miles away but was later shot.

Following crash report Air New Zealand chief resigns

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, May 4 (AFP) — Air New Zealand chief executive Morris Davis resigned Monday only a week after a report on the country's worst ever air disaster attacked him for covering up evidence about the crash and lying under oath. His resignation was immediately accepted by the board, after a weekend of non-stop meetings on the report of the DC10 crash on Mount Erebus in the Antarctic in 1979. The airline has also suspended six executive pilots from all flying duties and moved another six staff members sideways.

A full internal investigation will be held into the actions of all 12 staff members both before and after the crash in which all 257 persons on board died. The airline will also call in the International Air Transport Association to audit its flight operations division, heavily criticized in the report of the royal commission.

Air New Zealand Chairman Bill Mace said the board "very reluctantly" accepted the resignation. "No public company in New Zealand had been better served by its chief executive," Mace said. "There are people in New Zealand who are demanding my public sacrifice," Davis declared.

He added the best interests of the company would be served by his retirement. Davis, 56, has worked in the aviation industry since he was 16. "I have become the focus point for attacks on the company and they have reached such a magnitude that it is necessary for me to retire if the airline is to recover quickly from the effects of the report."

He said he had to be free to handle the allegations of perjury and destruction of evidence made against him by the royal commission report. "I can assure you I am not going to let it go. It is a dastardly allegation that in my opinion is not based on evidence or on facts."

Meanwhile, the airline pilots are meeting over the crash report, to consider disciplinary action against the six executive pilots suspended from flying by the airline board. The pilots' association earlier warned industrial action could occur if Davis was not removed from his job as chief executive.

At Pentagon thousands protest Salvador policy

WASHINGTON, May 4 (AP) — Tens of thousands of demonstrators marched to the Pentagon Sunday to protest U.S. military involvement in El Salvador and President Ronald Reagan's proposed cuts in domestic aid programs.

The crowd — hoisting placards, bearing signs and exchanging brochures — tramped peacefully across the Memorial Bridge rally in front of the Defense Department headquarters, chanting, "Money for people, not war. U.S. out of El Salvador."

Estimates by security officers at the Pentagon placed the crowd size at up to 25,000. In past protests, a much smaller group of demonstrators gathered nearby in front of U.S. policy.

The demonstrations recalled the October protest to the war in Vietnam when more than 30,000 and 35,000 persons angrily confronted 8,000 troops and herds of police federal marshals at the Pentagon. That day protest resulted in 600 arrests and 50 injuries.

Monday's march was orderly. No troops were present and both government security officials and demonstration organizers said they expected the rally to be peaceful. The crowd was predominantly young, dressed in jeans and T-shirts, but the protesters ranged from children to senior citizens. San Salvador, an unidentified gunman shot to death the son of a prominent Salvadoran military leader as he was entering a

church Sunday authorities said

judicial authorities in the capital identified the victim as Jose Ernesto Medrano, 28, the son of Gen. Jose Alberto Medrano. They noted that Gen. Medrano's influence over conservative sectors of the military has been evident for the last 20 years.

In other developments, a leading spokesman for the Salvadoran Roman Catholic church said El Salvador, "a small country severely punished by misery, injustice and political pettiness," has been chosen as a small stage in the East-West power struggle.

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Family maintains vigil at Sands bedside

Riots break in Belfast

BELFAST, May 4 (Agencies) — Irish guerrilla Bobby Sands edged closer to death Monday on the 65th day of his hunger strike in Belfast's Maze prison where his family maintained a constant vigil at his bedside.

As Sands lay in a coma, Irish Republic Prime Minister Charles Haughey made what he called an 11th hour appeal to the European Human Rights Commission to use its influence to end the fast. In a previous intervention 10 days ago, the commission failed to solve the crisis which threatens to plunge British-ruled Northern Ireland into renewed violence.

Sands, 27, elected last month as a member of the British parliament, is on hunger strike to press demands for himself and hundreds of other jailed gunmen of the outlawed Irish Republican Army (IRA) to be classified as political prisoners. The British government has rejected his demands. Sands lapsed into a coma Sunday morning, and a government spokesman said he was still unconscious Monday.

Despite pleas for calm if he dies, violence flared in the mainly Catholic areas of west Belfast Monday. Police said two trucks were set alight, a petrol bomb was thrown at a police van, and police were stoned by youths.



BELFAST SECURITY: British troops patrol streets in Belfast to provide security for the May Day parade in the downtown area. The Royal Ulster Constabulary and all British troops in Northern Ireland, some 30,000 in all, were on full alert Monday when hunger striker Bobby Sands lay closer to death in the Maze prison.

Nobody was injured. The clashes took place near districts inhabited by Northern Ireland's Protestant majority, which has sworn it will never sever its links with Britain despite IRA violence.

Sands' mother Rosaleen made an emotional appeal Sunday for sympathizers to refrain from violence over her son's impending death. Speaking to reporters outside the Maze prison, she said: "My son is dying. He offered his life for a set of conditions, but not to cause further death. We don't want anything like that."

Sands' supporters have criticized Haughey for not calling publicly on British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to grant the demands for IRA prisoners to be given political status.

In Dublin, Haughey said Monday he had

asked the European Human Rights Commission, based in Strasbourg, to consider making urgent recommendations for a humanitarian solution, which apparently would be based on an easing of prison conditions. Haughey said: "I believe that even at this 11th hour such a solution can still be found through a more flexible approach to the administration of the prison."

The Commission said two years ago that prison conditions in Northern Ireland could be improved, but it upheld the British government's refusal to grant political status to convicted guerrillas.

Sands' supporters say they are urging people not to engage in violence if he dies, so that attention is focused on three other IRA hunger strikers. One of them is already in a serious condition after 51 days without food. He is Francis Hughes, 25, serving life imprisonment for killing a British soldier and wounding another in a 1978 gunfight in which he himself was badly hurt.

But despite the calls for calm, emotions are running high in Northern Ireland, where more than 2,000 persons have been killed since the current troubles began in 1969.

In New York, brandishing Irish flags and chanting "Bobby Sands must not die," about 500 persons demonstrated in front of British Airways office Sunday to show solidarity with inmates demanding political status in Northern Ireland prisons. The demonstrators, ranging in age from pre-school to elderly, held posters reading "British thugs out of Ireland," "Victory to the IRA," and "Bobby Sands will not die in vain"

General, 3 others shot dead

MADRID, May 4 (R) — An army general and three members of the security forces were killed in Madrid and Barcelona Monday, sharply increasing tension in Spain after an attempted military coup two months ago. Spain's worst day of political violence this year was condemned by political parties and trade unions as a new attempt to destroy democracy.

Interior Minister Juan Roson said the guerrilla organization Grapo (October antifascist resistance groups) was responsible for both attacks in which three passersby and two suspected gunmen were also injured. Grapo emerged after the death of Francisco Franco in 1975 and is blamed for a string of murders and bomb attacks, including one which killed eight persons in a Madrid cafe two years ago.

It claims to be extreme leftist but there have been persistent press reports in Spain that it has in the past been infiltrated or manipulated by the extreme right. Gen. Andres Gonzalez de Suso, 62, a former defense ministry press spokesman, was shot through the head outside his central Madrid home as he went to work.

In a shootout which followed, a policeman was killed and one of the attackers was seriously wounded and captured. Police hunted a second gunman, also wounded, who escaped into a metro (underground) railway station. Gen. Gonzalez de Suso was the fifth military officer to be murdered since the Feb. 23 coup attempt and the seventh general killed by urban guerrillas since 1978.

An hour after the Madrid attack, two paramilitary civil guards were shot dead as they were having breakfast in a Barcelona bar.

Police believed they had smashed Grapo when a number of its alleged leaders were arrested last year. Jose Maria Sanchez Casas, who police say was involved in at least 30 killings as head of Grapo, has been given jail sentences totaling more than 150 years after several trials. The latest sentence was handed down by a Madrid court last week.

In another shooting Monday, two municipal policemen were wounded and a suspected bank robber was injured and detained in the Basque city of San Sebastian. A second suspect was arrested and the 760,000 pesetas (\$9,000) bank haul recovered. Police sources said there did not appear to be any political motive.

The rash of shootings, which brought to 22 the number of persons killed in political violence in Spain this year, coincided with increased concern about the possibility of another coup attempt. Political nervousness began to build up last week when police temporarily prevented distribution of a Madrid newspaper which carried an alleged account of how the February coup attempt was planned by senior military officers.

Spanish newspapers said they suspected that the account was part of a rightist misinformation campaign. The Madrid daily *El Pais* said the aim was to create a favorable climate for a new coup. Prime Minister Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo who returned Monday after a weekend visit to Portugal, told reporters in Lisbon that rumors about a new coup were unfounded.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

With the economic recession still on and the weather doing its worst (as it always does in Lodon, but we are having the worst month in memory, with sleet and snow in the north and west of the country and with storms everywhere) one thing has not deserted the much tried British. Their cool. Their understatement. Their reserved response.

I started my day yesterday at dawn. The wind was whipping the street as I put my nose outside to collect the milk. Old milk bottles lay broken, smashed by the gusts. And the milkman was just scuttling in with the new hatch. "Morning," he said "not a very good one, is it?" And I was going to ask him whether this was the end of the world or what...

Such phlegm is carried into the worlds of business. It is no secret that BA's Concorde route to Bahrain was not a great commercial success. In fact, the story went, that the first flight had no passengers on it whatsoever. Journalists therefore rushed to BA's spokesmen, asking for comment: A comment they got. And a far from impassioned one. "He always knew that the Bahrain line will be less than crowded..."

Their affairs of the heart is also carried on this level by the Brits. Crimes of passion are almost unknown. A story I read in the papers recently explains why. A married lady went to her house to find her husband in the passionate embraces of another woman. You might think that that was enough to blow the whole thing up. Blood all over the floor. Police called in. But no. The lady told the newspaper that she was "shocked". She then said she thought of leaving the house there and then. But she also thought it's so good deciding such things impulsively. So she went to the kitchen and made herself a cup of tea...

Translated from Ashraf Al Awqaf

Defense main issue Suzuki leaves for U.S. talks

TOKYO, May 4 (AFP) — Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki left here Monday on a week-long tour of the United States and Canada, saying he will try to get an assurance from U.S. President Ronald Reagan that "a strong America" is meant for peace and not confrontation with the Soviet Union.

Suzuki will hold two rounds of talks with Reagan in Washington on Thursday and Friday, mainly on an increase in Japan's defense efforts, in his first meeting with the U.S. president, and will go on to Ottawa for a brief half-day stopover for talks with Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau Saturday.

The influential newspaper *Asahi* reported Monday that the U.S.-Japan relationship will be officially referred to as an "alliance" for the first time when Reagan and Suzuki issue a joint communique at the end of their talks.

The word "alliance" will be used in response to a strong American request and reflect a desire to develop and strengthen further cooperation among Japan, the United States and western Europe at a time when there is practically no difference between Washington and its allies of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization or with Japan, the paper said.

Shortly before he left Suzuki told newsmen that the prime purpose of his talks with Reagan is to establish "personal friendship and trust" so that they can contact with each other, even by telephone, "whenever we face serious problems." Suzuki said there had been no time in the past that the Japan-U.S. relations were so "mature and stable" as at present that no difficult problems exist between the two countries.

Some Japanese fear that Reagan's foreign policy tends to confront the Soviet Union by increasing America's defense capability, resulting in a more tense international situation. Suzuki continued, "I will discuss this point (with Reagan frankly) and I hope he will give us an assurance that the presence of a strong America is meant for world peace," he explained.

Suzuki said he will assure Reagan that Japan is ready to contribute to world peace "politically and economically but not militarily." Japan will continue its economic and technological assistance in developing countries here by inflating, unemployment and worsening balance of payments conditions, he said.

Government sources said Monday the Suzuki-Reagan talks will center on international issues and economic problems.



Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki

New Soviet push Troops encircle Afghan city

ISLAMABAD, May 4 (Agencies) — Soviet and Afghan army tanks have extended their encirclement of Kandahar, Afghanistan's second largest city, to include villages 5-10 kms away, an Afghan source said. The source quoted recent arrivals from the area as saying the new push outward began several days ago, after many of the outlying communities were pounded by artillery and tank fire.

However, sporadic sniper fire was still heard days after the armored forces seized control of Kandahar's streets last week and sealed the city off from neighboring villages where many of the anti-Soviet fighters were dug in.

Airplanes and helicopter gunships have flown low over the city in an apparent show of force aimed at intimidating resistance fighters, who had held major sections of the city for four consecutive days in late April.

House-to-house searches were being carried out by the joint forces, said the source, a former Afghan diplomat who is now aligned with a resistance group — the United Islamic Nation Front. The front draws its main support from the Kandahar area.

Shortages of such necessities as sugar, cooking oil and wheat were reported in the provincial capital and blamed on the fact that most shops remained closed and no fresh supplies have been able to penetrate the "siege," the source said Sunday in a telephone interview from Quetta, southwest Pakistan.

Soviet and Afghan tanks, some standing less than a kilometer apart, have formed a circle around Kandahar and villages 5-10 kms from where the city's old wall once stood, he said. The armored vehicles were believed in radio contact with each other and a majority reportedly manned by Soviets. The push into Kandahar apparently was timed to coincide with the April 27 anniversary of the 1978 Marxist takeover in Afghanistan.

Although street fighting still raged in many parts of the city, a small military parade was organized and watched by a small group of ruling party members, surrounded by a heavy guard, he said. Heavy artillery and tank fire continued through Tuesday, destroying a number of small buildings in the old city quarter and in neighboring villages, including Kashani and Ghoshkani, both to the southwest.

Leaflets have been dropped by helicopters warning residents not to ride bicycles, motorcycles or automobiles. The source said several fatalities already have been reported in Kandahar and the outlying districts but few details were known. Reports have reached Pakistan that troops near Takhtapul, a town about 40 kms southeast of Kandahar, have stopped persons from trying to reach the provincial capital.



Athens blast damage U.S. diplomat's car

ATHENS, May 4 (R) — A time bomb exploded under a parked car belonging to an American diplomat in the center of Athens Monday but no one was hurt, police said. The car, which was heavily damaged, belonged to Jesse Lewis, first secretary at the U.S. Embassy's political affairs department. He immediately claimed responsibility for the bombing.

Last month, six bombs were planted under cars belonging to U.S. military personnel working at an American airbase in Athens, a clandestine organization, called "Revolutionary Left," claimed responsibility. Greek and U.S. diplomats are engaged in talks on the status and operation of four U.S. bases in Greece.

Under an agreement initiated in 1977 but never signed, Greece would have received \$700 million in U.S. aid over four years in return for the bases.

Iran-Iraq war Nonaligned mediators to meet again

NEW DELHI, May 24 (Agencies) — The Foreign ministers of India, Zambia and Cuba and a representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization are scheduled to meet here next Thursday to plan another attempt to end the Iran-Iraq war, an official Indian source said Monday.

They will then proceed to Iran and Iraq after a day or two of discussions among themselves, said the official in the External Affairs Ministry, who did not want to be named. The group of four toured the warring neighbors last month and claimed that they were encouraged by the response to their peace efforts.

However, neither their moves nor those of the Organization of the Islamic Conference have hastened resolution of the seven-month conflict. The members of the group are India's P.V.N. Rao, Zambia's L.K.H. Goma and Cuba's Isidoro Malmierca Peoli and PLO chief spokesman Farouk Kaddoumi.

On the war front, Iraqi forces have succeeded in dominating a series of mountain ranges and a number of villages in Iran's western Kermanshah province, according to a military spokesman in Baghdad, Sunday.

The spokesman, quoted by the government newspaper *Al-Jumhuriya*, said Iraq's armed forces "scored a great victory and imposed their total domination of a series of mountain ranges around Sar-e-Pol-e-Zahab Area."

The spokesman, who was not identified, added that a number of villages and hills in the region were also under Iraqi control. He said the Iranian forces lost many men and a great deal of military equipment in the fighting around Sar-e-Pol-e-Zahab last week. The official Iraqi News Agency (INA) said warplanes, helicopters, tanks, artillery rockets and a large number of troops took part in the battles.

INA quoted a high command communique issued in Baghdad Sunday night as saying that Iraqi fighters shot down an Iranian Phantom jet in a dogfight Sunday in Sar-e-Pol-e-Zahab. It added that Iraqi warplanes attacked enemy concentrations in the northern and western sectors, scoring direct hits.

For their part, Iranian planes attacked civilian targets in the Iraqi northern border region of Dokan, and were intercepted by anti-aircraft fire and forced to turn back, the agency said. Total Iranian casualties in 24 hours were given by the agency as 242 killed.

26 die in Indian riots

NEW DELHI, May 4 (R) — At least 26 persons have died in riots in the northern Indian town of Biharsharif, the Press Trust of India reported Monday. G.M. Bantawalla, a member of the opposition Muslim League told the lower house of parliament (Lok Sabha) that there had been looting and arson in communal violence in the town.

He asked the government to provide protection for the minority Muslim community which he said was in a panic. The violence began last Friday after fighting between two groups in a shop.

The United News of India said that all government offices and schools have been closed in the town in Bihar state.

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